



Queen's aide names the Palace mole

By Nicholas Beeson

The Queen's Private Secretary, Sir William Heseltine, has intervened in public for the first time in the week-long dispute over reported rifts between the Queen and the Prime Minister.

In a letter published in The Times today, from the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh, Sir William dismisses as preposterous the suggestion that the Queen would depart from constitutional principles, which she had followed for the past 34 years.

Sir William's letter confirms for the first time that the so-called "Buckingham Palace mole", the key source for the Sunday Times article, was the Queen's Press Secretary, Mr Michael Shea.

But he says that Mr Shea had said nothing that could reasonably bear the interpretation put upon it by the writers of the article on the front page of The Sunday Times on July 20.

Under the headline "Queen dismayed by 'uncaring' Thatcher", the newspaper quoted sources close to the Queen as saying that she was concerned with the consequences of the Prime Minister's policies.

The newspaper singled out the Queen's alleged misgivings over Mrs Margaret Thatcher's handling of the miners' strike, the United States raid on Libya and the dispute within the Commonwealth over Britain's attitude to South Africa.

The story was based on an inside-page feature article which The Sunday Times said

had been checked and approved by the source. But Sir William says that "crucial parts" of the story were left out when the article was read back to the Palace before going to print and adds that the editor of The Sunday Times, Mr Andrew Neil, had made no personal attempt to contact anyone at Buckingham Palace to check the story.

Sir William says that the Sovereign had constitutional duties to counsel her Gov-

ernment, act on the advice of her ministers and to treat her communications with the Prime Minister as confidential.

In the letter, he writes: "After thirty-four years of unvarying adherence to these constitutional principles it is preposterous to suggest that her Majesty might suddenly depart from them. No sensible person would give a moment's credence to such a proposition."

Sir William admits that Mr Shea had had "several exchanges" with the co-author of

the article, Mr Simon Freeman, but he says that the information had been misrepresented in the article. He also says that it is preposterous to suggest that any member of the Queen's household would divulge knowledge of the Queen's opinions on government policy to the press and that in any case Mr Shea was not aware of them.

As for yesterday's article in The Sunday Times, which stated that the Palace had made an attempt to halt publication of the original story despite being warned of its contents, Sir William suggests that such a move would have had little effect.

Sir William's letter coincides with a call by the Tory MP, Sir Anthony Kershaw, chairman of the All-Party Commons Select Committee on Foreign Affairs, for Mr Shea's resignation.

"Something has gone wrong in the department of which he is head and therefore I think he ought to take the usual responsibility and he ought to resign", Sir Anthony said yesterday.

There will be no meetings between the Queen and the Prime Minister before the Commonwealth summit on South Africa which begins next Sunday in London (our Chief Political Correspondent writes).

There is no regular audience this week because the Queen is in Scotland for the Commonwealth Games, but she will be giving a dinner next Sunday

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Mr Michael Shea in Scotland yesterday

US tells Botha to help Howe

From Christopher Thomas Washington

President Reagan, still in retreat from his adamant "no sanctions" speech last Tuesday, has written to President Botha of South Africa urging a positive response to the critical visit by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary.

It is now apparent that the immediate direction of US policy towards the Pretoria Government will in large measure be determined by the success or failure of Sir Geoffrey's mission.

Senator Orrin Hatch, a conservative Republican who is close to Mr Reagan, said yesterday that the President had not announced any initiatives because "the leader has to give his time."

Mr Chester Crocker, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, said yesterday that the US did not want "to cut directly across" what was being done by Britain and the Commonwealth.

"Clearly the British have more at stake than we do, and more historical relationships down there. We have been so totally behind this British initiative."

He indicated that if Pretoria reacted negatively to Sir Geoffrey, then "we are not ruling out further measures."

President Reagan is almost certain to renew a year-old series of limited sanctions against South Africa when they expire on September 9.

They include a ban on some computer exports, the refusal to give loans to the South African Government and the prohibition of exports of most nuclear goods and technology.

It is possible that when Mr Reagan renews his executive order some other limited sanctions will be added to the list.

Mr Reagan is also considering whether to send a special envoy to try to persuade the Pretoria Government to speed change to enable the Administration to resist strong demands by Congress for tougher penalties.

Senator Paul Laxalt, the Nevada Republican who is a friend of Mr Reagan, is one possible candidate for the mission. The aim would be to meet both President Botha and Mr Oliver Tambo, a leader of the outlawed African National Congress.

Mr Crocker flies to London tomorrow for high-level talks to co-ordinate the next move by Britain and the UN. He is particularly anxious to hear directly from Sir Geoffrey to guide the White House.

Tough sanctions legislation, meanwhile, is being introduced by Republican leaders in the Senate this week as a signal to Mr Reagan that his policy must be hardened.

Mr Crocker said that he had no knowledge of a report that Mr Tambo had said he would not meet Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State.

"We have had meetings with the ANC and we think that, in these conditions, expanding those meetings makes sense. We have a channel of communication with them. We do not yet have any meetings planned."

Bishop Desmond Tutu, in a television interview from Nairobi, expressed strong reservations about the US sending an emissary to Pretoria.

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The Queen congratulating Kathy Cook who won a bronze medal in the 400 metres at the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh yesterday (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Polaris pressure mounts on Owen

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Dr David Owen, the Social Democratic Party leader, is under growing pressure from his colleagues in the party leadership to be more flexible in his relations with the Liberals over their joint attitude to nuclear defence.

Suspensions among some of Dr Owen's colleagues that he was using the parties' differences to prevent their relationship becoming too close, fuelled last week when Dr Owen proposed a proposal that Mr William Rodgers, one of the original Gang of Four and a member of the joint commission on defence, should open the debate on the issue at the party conference in Harrogate in the autumn.

Both Mrs Shirley Williams, the party president, and Mr Rodgers believed that if he had opened the debate it would have been a sign of the SDP's willingness to reach an accommodation with the Liberals, and welcomed as such by the vast majority of party members.

But Dr Owen argued that it was important that the debate be opened by a supporter of the SDP policy on Polaris, as agreed last year at Torquay. That expresses a willingness to replace Polaris, while the commission report, with which Mr Rodgers went along, leaves open the question of a replacement.

Dr Owen originally proposed that Miss Sue Shipman should open the debate. That

Thatcher invitation defended

By John Goodbody Sports News Correspondent

Mr Robert Maxwell, the chairman of the Commonwealth Games organizing committee, yesterday defended an attempt by the Edinburgh Council to stop Mrs Thatcher attending the games on Friday.

In a letter to Dr John McKay, the Lord Provost, Mr Maxwell said that by asking the organizers to withdraw their invitation to the Prime Minister the council was "repeating the errors" of the 32

Britain gained two more gold medals in athletics yesterday, adding to those won on Saturday by Julian Solly and David Smith. Roger Black took the men's 400 metres, and Heather Oakes emerged triumphant from a photofinish of the women's 100 metres.

Commonwealth countries whose boycott had spoiled the Games.

"I believe your authority is seeking publicity in an offensive manner as it can be devised. What you propose is a gesture, a form of political sloganeering, without substance," Mr Maxwell wrote.

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Lebanon hostage flies to freedom

From Frank Johnson Wiesbaden

The Rev Lawrence Jenco, aged 51, the American Roman Catholic priest who was released on Saturday after having been held hostage by Shia Muslim militants for 19 months, arrived at the United States Air Force regional medical centre here yesterday.

He had been flown from Damascus in a US military aircraft to the US airbase at Frankfurt, about 10 miles from here. He was accompanied by Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's representative.

It was understood that Mr Waite had played no direct part in securing Father Jenco's release but had been able to offer advice.

Father Jenco was driven to the medical centre in a van, escorted by West German police motorcyclists and followed by an ambulance.

He walked unaided up the steps of the centre. He wore a black suit and clerical collar and appeared to be in good spirits.

Despite a security cordon, a television journalist from Chicago rushed forward and persuaded him to say a few words: "Chicago is a windy city, and I want to feel the wind on my face again."

Father Jenco, of Joliet, Illinois, also said: "Don't forget the three brothers." In reference to three Americans still held hostage in Lebanon.

He waved repeatedly and gave the "thumbs-up" sign to a group of well-wishers.

He told a crowd of journalists that he was "doing fine", but acknowledged "I'm tired" and said he had not slept for three nights.

Asked how the American hostage Mr Terry Anderson was faring, he replied: "Very fine." Mr Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent of the Associated Press, was in Beirut on March 26, 1985.

Father Jenco also had a videotaped message from another American captive, Mr David Jacobsen, urging the US Administration to negotiate with the captors for the release of the remaining hostages.

Another hostage, Mr William Buckley, a diplomat, is reported to have been killed.

Patients at the medical centre applauded as Father Jenco entered the building, which had been decorated with about 30 American flags. One shouted: "Let's get the rest of them back," a reference to the other American hostages.

At about the time of Father Jenco's arrival here, his two sisters began a flight from Chicago to Wiesbaden.

Portfolio Gold

Saturday's £28,000 weekly prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition was shared by six readers: Mr Jonathan Clegg of Hampstead, London NW3, Mrs D Bancroft of Rowledge, Farnham, Surrey, Mrs J Blackie of Torrington, Devon, Mr J Hughes of Radford, Coventry, Mrs M Giles of Grinshill, Shrewsbury, and Mr N J Ward of Salisbury, Wilt.

The daily prize of £4,000 was shared by five readers: Mr R G Warren of North Warrborough, Hants, Mrs C Thwaites of Truro, Cornwall, Mr G A Smith of Southville, Bristol, Mr Patrick Coleman-Smith of Kingsley, Warrington, and Mr Michael Rennie of Stelsbury, Oxford.

There is a further £4,000 to be won today; Portfolio list page 20, rules and how to play, information service, page 16.

Variable benefits plan

Tebbit wants dole cut in some areas

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

A controversial plan under which dole payments would be cut in areas of low unemployment was put forward last night by Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman.

Mr Tebbit, a key member of Mrs Margaret Thatcher's Cabinet strategy group which will draw up the next general election manifesto, suggested a variable benefits plan which would allow savings made by reductions in the low jobs areas to be redistributed to areas of high unemployment.

He said in an interview on The Jimmy Young Programme on ITV that some people found life on the safety net a little too comfortable and did not make an attempt to climb the ladder, although it was not unusual for people to take jobs and leave themselves worse off than if they had stayed on state benefit.

Mr Tebbit, whose proposal would be unlikely to be worked on during a general election, said: "Perhaps we should be a little tougher on the benefits in those areas where there are jobs so that we can be a little more generous

in areas where there is high unemployment."

Mr Tebbit criticized the churches for abandoning moral issues for political ones.

He said that since the 1960s there had been big increases in the number of illegitimate births, abortions and marriage break-ups, yet these were issues on which the churches had gone remarkably silent.

"Yet they are always ready to advise me on politics and economic policy," he said. "It is a pity that more has not been done about these moral issues."

Mr Tebbit said that drug peddling and addiction did not start in the inner cities, but in places like Hampstead from where it spread.

Mr Tebbit said that individuals should take more responsibility over caring for themselves and their families.

"Individual responsibility within the family should loom larger than it does," he said.

"People have got to have much more responsibility to save for their old age and the extras they may need if they fall on hard times."

Nuclear bill

Foreign Office lawyers are studying the possibility of sending the Soviet Union a bill for £10 million to help meet farmers' costs after the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. Page 4

Schools crisis

The education system is in crisis and teaching methods are irrelevant to the age of technology, says a report for the Cabinet Office. Page 2

Crash toll up

A ninth victim of the Humber train crash died yesterday as investigators tried to establish whether the level crossing warning system was to blame. Page 3

Degree results

The Oxford University Class List for Politics, Philosophy and Economics, and degrees awarded by Southampton and York Universities are published today. Page 21

Labour would 'damage economy'

By Philip Webster

However, shadow cabinet sources denied that the £18 billion figure had been given by Mr Roy Hattersley, the shadow chancellor, at an election strategy meeting at Bishop's Stortford last weekend.

Mr MacGregor, referring to Mr Hattersley's promise to increase income tax dramatically to those earning more than £27,000, said that all single taxpayers and married couples earning jointly that

amount would be paying a tax rate of 80 per cent on income over that figure.

Labour's spending programmes, he said, were irresponsible, and would mean huge rises in interest rates and taxation and mean "terrific" damage to incentives and therefore to the economy.

"An awful lot of people are going to be struck numb by the tax plans that Mr Hattersley will have to produce," Mr MacGregor said.

Superb art gift that is still looking for a home

By Geraldine Norman

Mr Fred Koch, one of the richest men in America, wants to establish an art gallery and study centre in Britain but is finding it uphill work.

After four years battling with the planning authorities, he pulled out of his project to convert St John's Lodge, a villa in Regent's Park, last month. He is prepared to look elsewhere, as long as he can find a magnificent Victorian building, and is said to have a strong preference for finding it in Britain, despite several offers of handsome houses in the United States.

He blames his failure to achieve a major benefaction on the British planning system,

which erected one barrier after another to his scheme. His reticence about his intentions may have been equally important.

He has now provided The Times with an outline of his plans and it is clear that Britain is looking a gift horse in the mouth. Not since Gubbins offered his collection to Britain and was turned away, has a foreigner offered this country so rich a benefaction.

He has already established a British trust as a vehicle for his benefaction and its aims speak for themselves. The trust intends to:

- 1. Acquire, restore and maintain a nineteenth century structure, or structures, suitable for public display, study and conservation of its collection.
- 2. Exhibit and conserve a

collection of English, European and American works of art of the nineteenth century including, but not limited to, paintings, prints, drawings and sculpture.

Electricity and coal profits leap

The coal and electricity supply industries will unveil big operating profits this week.

Sir Ian MacGregor, chairman of British Coal, is expected to disclose an operating income of nearly £600 million, although huge interest charges and the cost of restructuring and redundancy payments since the end of the strike have pushed the industry into a loss of £50 million.

The electricity board, whose chairman, Sir Philip Jones, refused to allow a "Scargill surcharge", will announce profits of between £200 million and £300 million.

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Victories for LeMond and Piquet

Paris (AFP) - Greg LeMond became the first American, first English-speaker and first non-European to win the Tour de France cycle race yesterday. He had to overcome the hostility of his own team to beat the French national hero Bernard Hinault, who was attempting to win the race for a record sixth time.

In Hockenheim, Nelson Piquet of Brazil won the West German motor-racing Grand Prix. His team-mate, Nigel Mansell of Britain, finished third and increased his world championship lead.

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US statesman dies

Mr Averell Harriman, who served four US presidents and 23 years ago negotiated one of the most durable Soviet-US nuclear agreements, died on Saturday at his New York home.

Mr Harriman, who was 94,

had served his country for 50 years. He was governor of New York in the 1950s, ambassador to London and Moscow, the Secretary of Commerce, and the negotiator in wars in Laos and Vietnam.

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Schools fit for technology age vital, Cabinet Office is told

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

The British educational system is in crisis and urgently needs study by a national commission. The system is under stress and teaching methods are outdated and irrelevant to a technology-based society, advisers to the Cabinet Office say in a report published today.

The findings are those of the Information Technology Advisory Panel, created about four years ago to counsel government on the needs of the technological age.

The new report, *Learning to Live with Information Technology*, calls for the creation of a commission to study the educational needs of Britain in the year 2000, pulling advisers from academia, industry and the Government.

The present educational system, the Cabinet advisers found, cannot cope with a society where increasingly more information needs to be imparted to students of all ages and where high levels of numeracy and technical skill are required to do even the most modest of jobs.

The nature of society and its educational needs has changed substantially since much of the present framework was created 40 years ago, the report says. A sounder and lasting system needs to be developed.

Apart from the national commission, the report calls for detailed research to be conducted on current educational practices and how they could be improved using technology.

Technology, encompassing computers, video discs, elec-

tronic libraries and telecommunications, must be used to far greater effect and will require a complete new approach to the training and retraining of teachers, the report says.

The study highlights how bureaucracy is preventing the present system from responding properly, as most training funds are provided through the Manpower Services Commission while educational finances are channelled through the Department of Education and Science.

The Cabinet Office report comes in the wake of a study completed by the Paris-based Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development.

The little publicized report, *New Information Technologies: A Challenge for Education*, which surveyed the educational needs of the electronic age in its member states, was more critical than the Cabinet Office report, of academia. The study noted that if educators did not respond or were not allowed to, then the future role of the school would be in jeopardy.

The OECD report had ended: "If the school cannot assume the role, if it cannot become more skilful and effective in this activity than other agencies of society, there may be little future for school as we know it."

If the school serves only as a warehouse for computer terminals, or if it refuses to make use of the technology, it will be bypassed as irrelevant.

Scheme to bring more jobs to inner cities

The Department of Employment minister in charge of inner city government initiatives, Mr Kenneth Clarke, will announce today two developments to promote employment opportunities in the pilot inner cities.

In a speech to business leaders in Middlesbrough, one of the eight inner city task force areas, Mr Clarke will announce an enterprise training scheme, dubbed "head-start", to provide more than 3,000 inner-city youngsters with the advice and business training they will need to start their own businesses.

Aimed at the 18-25-year-olds, the programme will run in collaboration with the Industrial Society in most of the designated task force areas.

There will be an extra allocation of 1,400 community programme places for inner-city residents. Private-sector sponsors can now offer projects involving some gain for themselves, provided that there is a greater benefit to the local community.

That recent ruling will be of special benefit in the inner cities where more sponsors are needed to add to the efforts already made by the public and voluntary sectors.

Mr Clarke, who plans to get in touch with leading employers and business groups through the country's chambers of commerce to appeal for project sponsors, had this message for them yesterday: "I realize that we will need sponsors of all kinds to fill all 1,400 places."

"But I am confident that by adapting the rules of an established scheme we stand to make a real dent in the job opportunity blackspots."

"We are giving private employers a real opportunity to set up projects which help them



The Prime Minister talking to competitors yesterday at the opening of the World Wheelchair Games in the grounds of Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Buckinghamshire.

Ghetto target for work aid

Businessmen want an action plan to help rid the multicultural St Paul's area of Bristol of its "ghetto" tag by increasing job opportunities for young blacks.

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It suggests training projects in neighbouring areas, geared to specific job opportunities, to create the dispersal. And it urges the MSC to consider ways of funding the pilot projects, which might require new legislation.

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Unions press for changes in laws

Several unions have suggested changes in trade union and industrial relations laws in motions submitted for this year's TUC Congress at Brighton in September - but much has been overruled by the recent TUC/Labour Party document.

That document, *People at Work, New Rights, New Responsibilities*, will be a main plank in Labour's general election campaign, and proposes to sweep away most trade union legislation introduced since 1979.

The TUC's preliminary agenda, published today, has no fewer than 21 motions tabled under the trade union organization and industrial relations section.

One, from the General Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union calls on a Labour government to enact a system of industrial relations law including a charter of legal rights for all at work.

It wants a law to protect against unfair dismissal without regard to minimum qualifying hours and extended protection against discrimination.

The Union of Communication Workers wants to see rights to a fair wage, belonging to a union, working time facilities for union bargaining and ballots, consultation by an employer, secret ballots before industrial action, and a right to strike and picket peacefully with the abolition of restrictions on picket numbers and so-called "secondary activity".

A motion by the taxmen's union, IRSF, opposes the use of police anti-riot weapons such as plastic bullets, water cannon and disabling gas.

Police van caused 4-hour hold-up

The police were amazed yesterday to find that the accident which caused a four-hour hold-up on the M27 involved their own accident prevention caravan.

The caravan and the Range Rover towing it overturned minutes after leaving the Rowhams service station on the M27 near Southampton, where it had been conducting a prevention campaign for three days.

It blocked two lanes of the busy motorway.

The driver, Police Constable John Harrison, was not hurt, but Police Constable Alan Still, his passenger, received slight back injuries and was released from hospital after treatment. "For some inexplicable reason the whole rig overturned," the police said.

Peer is sued for £57,550

Lord Brockie is being sued in the High Court for £57,550 over the design and planning of a golf course at his home in Hertfordshire, Brocket Park, and the development of Brocket Hall.

Mr James Marshall, of Chelsea, west London, and Mr Peter McEvoy, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, are claiming £16,000 for designing and planning the golf course. Mr Marshall is also claiming £41,550 for development work that he claims he has done at the hall.

Dispute over Pretoria loan

Sheffield council, which campaigns against apartheid, was at the centre of a dispute yesterday after borrowing £20 million from a bank which recently lent £600 million to the South Africa regime.

The £20 million loan from the Banque Paribas was agreed last November to help to keep down the city's rates, and maintain services. On finding out about the bank's South Africa loan, Tory councillors accused the council of hypocrisy.

The taxmen have served a High Court writ on Noye in Brighton Prison, claiming £949,000 for tax, national insurance and interest between 1978 and 1984.

Noye faces a writ for £1m

Kenneth Noye, the mastermind jailed for 14 years over the £26 million gold bullion fidd at Heathrow Airport, is being sued by the Inland Revenue for nearly £1 million.

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Up and down the mountain

Mr Charles Turnbull, aged 79, a retired police chief inspector from Coniston, Cumbria, who is blind, completed 51 solo ascents of the 2,633 ft Coniston Old Man mountain yesterday to raise cash for the BBC's Children in Need appeal and to establish a record for *The Guinness Book of Records*.

Beatles pupil

Miss Penny Lane, aged 16, of Betley, near Crew, will be a student when the country's first full-time course on the life and music of the Beatles opens in September at Newcastle College in north Staffordshire.

Poverty 'is that of the 1930s'

The Government was accused yesterday by Mr Michael Meacher, shadow Secretary of State for Social Services, of suppressing the truth that poverty in Britain is now at its worst since the war and comparable with that of the 1930s.

Mr Meacher, reopening Opposition's onslaught on the Government for what he called its "hole-in-the-corner disclosure" of out-of-date poverty figures after the Commons had risen for the summer holidays, calculated that the number of the poor was approaching 10.5 million.

He has written to Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State, castigating him for "sneaking out" three-year-old figures.

Mr Meacher told him: "These figures, on which the Government has already been sitting for more than six months, relate to 1983. Isn't it ridiculous that under the current rules we shall have to wait until 1989 before we shall be told officially the numbers in poverty this year?"

Recall Westland inquiry, MP says

Sir Humphrey Atkins, chairman of the Commons select committee on defence, was last night being urged to recall the committee "as soon as practicable" to consider an invitation to Sir Michael Havers, Attorney General, to give evidence on the Westland affair.

Mr Atkins said: "Even if ministers say this issue is boring to people outside Westminster and in certain sections of the press, what is at stake is the propriety of the legal system of this country."

Two of the five Civil Servants criticized over the Westland affair have written their own detailed accounts of behind-the-scenes manoeuvres. Dr John Gilbert, the senior Labour member of the select committee, said last night.

He said the "Westland Diaries" should be placed before the select committee and he would be "very pleased" to read them if they were sent to him.

The telephone war: 1

BT under attack in inner London

The battle between British Telecom and Mercury will intensify from next week with the launch by Mercury of an inner London telephone service.

In the first of two articles, Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent, looks at what each side is doing to prepare for the fray. Today, the fight for the UK market.

Next week Britain's alternative telephone network will offer a local service. The stage for the launch will be London where businesses will be encouraged to defect from British Telecom by having their bills slashed by thousands of pounds.

London will be the first urban area to be offered discounts of up to 25 per cent, the most overt attempt by Mercury to woo British Telecom's clientele.

Mercury became a national telephone network last May when it interconnected with British Telecom.

Trunk telephone traffic is carried on a fibre optic (glass fibre) cable network laid alongside the tracks of British Rail, connecting most of the main business centres in Britain. London, Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds and Bristol are the hubs of the network.

Local urban telephone calls will be carried by microwave radio and cable. An addition to the main cable network will also be constructed using microwave. The first arm of that extension will be completed to Glasgow and Edinburgh by the end of the year.

Mercury's initial marketing policy is to attract the business customer base of British Telecom. Since May the rival

service has managed to attract 400 top British companies.

According to Mercury: "Major business customers such as Grand Metropolitan and Midland Bank can call any other telephone user connected to the public network either in Britain or internationally. Savings for these customers on trunk routes from London should average 20 per cent, from elsewhere in Britain about 24 per cent and on selected international routes up to 17 per cent."

The discount on local calls is the second shot in a price war which British Telecom is still reluctant to acknowledge publicly.

But British Telecom is far from complacent. It is in the process of devising a method of restructuring its trunk telephone pricing policy. The corporation has long been unhappy about charging business users more than residential subscribers.

There are about 21 million telephone subscribers in Britain of which four million are businesses, contributing to nearly 60 per cent of British Telecom's revenue - the business subscriber being the most prolific user of inter-city and international telephone circuits.

Last month, while declaring profits of £1.8 billion for the year, British Telecom declared its intention to close the gap. The result will be discounting on trunk routes and increases in residential prices.

Mercury offers little threat to British Telecom. Its investment of £200 million is a mere

fraction of about £10 billion of fixed assets declared this year by British Telecom. But the balance will change as subscribers are offered alternative services at competitive prices.

Mercury's principal advantage is that it is creating a new network from scratch and therefore using the latest technology. British Telecom, while investing heavily in new equipment and cable, is still burdened with older exchanges and technology.

For example, one feature which will undoubtedly attract the British telephone subscriber to a Mercury service is an itemized telephone bill.

Mercury will offer the bills as standard using its new computerized exchanges.

As British Telecom converts its network to more modern exchanges it, too, intends to offer itemized billing. But it is not clear yet whether the service will be standard.

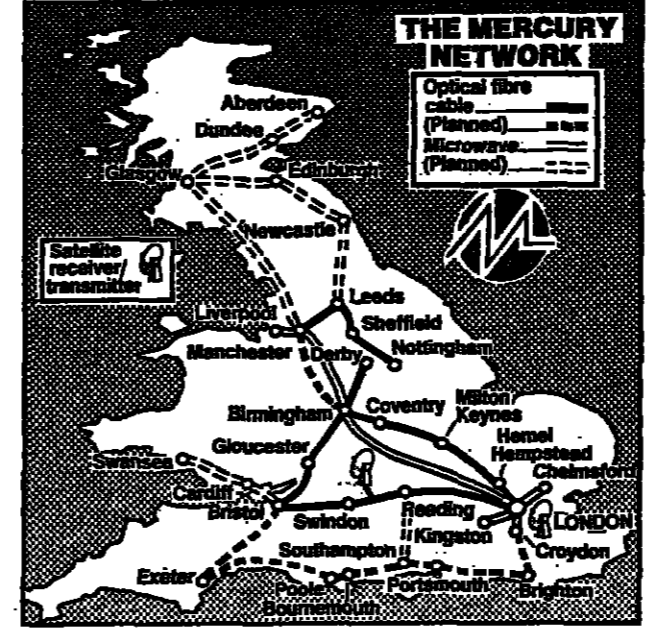
One of the vehicles for providing cheap local telephone calls will be the cable television networks.

Local calls and business information will be carried on these circuits.

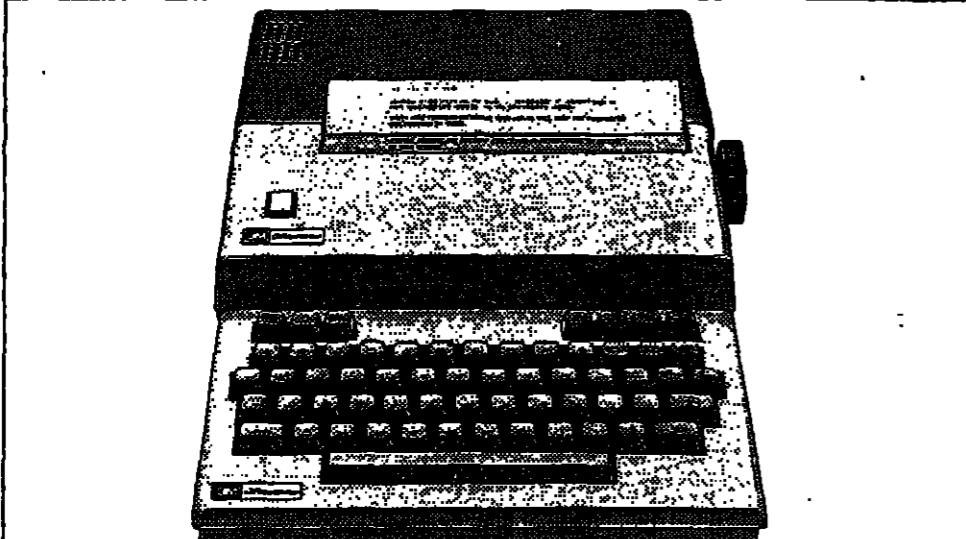
Mercury has an interest or has been in discussions with the cable networks in Glasgow, Croydon, Windsor and London Docklands.

British Telecom has responded to that challenge. It is a shareholder and cable provider to many multichannel cable television stations, recently awarded their franchises. These include Aberdeen, Ulster, Coventry, Merseyside and Westminster.

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Surge in tunnel traffic means miles of queues

Traffic through the Dartford tunnel, on the east side of London's M25 orbital motorway, is set to break all records this month, putting renewed pressure on the Government to authorize a third crossing of the Thames.

As holidaymakers streamed to the Channel ports on Friday, tunnel traffic reached almost 90,000, compared with a theoretical capacity of 70,000 for the two lanes each way. From 2pm to 8.30pm there were two-and-a-half-mile queues on the approaches to the tunnel imposing delays of up to an hour on motorists for much of the day.

A fortnight earlier, on July 11, traffic reached an all-time high of 92,000, with queues six to seven miles long both north and south of the tunnel.

Mr Rodney Jones, general manager of the tunnel, calculates that total traffic this month should reach 2.3 million vehicles through the twin two-lane tunnels compared with a previous peak of 2.18 million in May this year and around 2 million a month in summer last year.

It means that traffic is rising faster than forecast, and holidaymakers, commuters and lorries are doomed to severe delays for five years before relief can be provided.

The Government, inhibited by the probable £150 million cost of a new crossing on top of the £1 billion already spent on the M25, and also by the fact that the tunnels are jointly owned by Kent and Essex county councils rather than by the Department of Transport, hesitated for two precious years before ordering an inquiry last year.

Since then things have moved faster, and a final choice is being made between three contractors: Mowlem, Taylor Woodrow/Balfour Beatty and Trafalgar House.

Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, hopes to reach a decision within weeks, paving the way for legislation in the next parliamentary session and the start of the crossings next autumn.

Even if that timetable is achieved it would be 1991-92 before a new crossing could be in place. Potential relief from a proposed new bridge higher up the Thames will be available no sooner.

Mr Jones said yesterday: "We are very sorry for the delays vehicles are suffering, and are doing our best to get the traffic through as quickly as possible. Eight Land Rovers and two recovery vehicles are available to speed traffic through."

"Traffic should reach 25 million this year, and 28 to 29 million by 1992. By then the delays will be such that people will be taking other routes, either westbound round the M25 (but there are already congestion problems there too), or on local roads.

MP's plea for end to gazumping

The Prime Minister was urged yesterday to outlaw the practice of "gazumping" in which a property seller makes a last-minute sale to a higher bidder after reaching an "agreement" with the first potential purchaser.

The vice-president of the Building Societies Association, Mr John Heddie, has written to Mrs Margaret Thatcher urging her to adopt the Scottish system in which acceptance of an offer is binding on seller and buyer.

Thousands of first-time buyers have had their hopes dashed at the last minute. Mr Heddie, who is MP for Mid-Staffordshire and chairman of the influential Conservative backbench environment committee, said.

When the seller changes his mind and sells to a higher bidder, the first purchaser has incurred thousands of pounds in costs on survey, valuation and legal fees.

He added that if the Scottish system were adopted in England it would ensure that only genuine sellers and buyers would enter the housing market.

Border shock as three RUC men are killed

Police officers in a border town station were recovering yesterday from the third terrorist attack in 17 months, in which Provisional IRA members murdered three colleagues in a shopping precinct.

The terrorists, dressed in butchers' coats and hats, shot the three officers at close range and then hurled a grenade into the unmarked police car to frighten people from attempting to pull the men from the vehicle.

The attack shocked and frightened people from the North and the Irish Republic who were in the pedestrian precinct at Newry, Co Down, at lunchtime on Saturday and has been condemned by politicians of all parties.

Shoppers screamed and dived for cover as the shots rang out, but women ran to the patrol car screaming "get them out, get them out" until they saw the grenade and men shouted to keep away in case it exploded.

The gunmen had taken advantage of the regularity with which patrol cars parked in the area and also the fact that the officers had opened the doors of the heavily fortified vehicle because of the heat.

The killings stunned police officers from the town's Edward Street station who have now had 16 colleagues killed in three incidents since February 1985.

Sir John Hermon, chief

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Police van caused 4-hour hold-up

The police were unable to find the accident which caused a four-hour hold-up on the M27 near Southampton yesterday.

Peer is sued for £57,550

Lord Brocket is being sued in the High Court for £57,550 over the design and construction of a golf course at his home in Hampshire.

Dispute over Pretoria loan

Sheffield council is disputing a £20 million loan from a South African bank.

Noye faces writ for £1.4 million

Kenneth Noye faces a writ for £1.4 million over the loss of a house in the 1984 election.

Up and down the mountain

Mr Charles Trenchard is suing the British Mountaineering Club over a dispute about the ownership of a mountain.

Beatles pop

Miss Nancy Lauder is suing the Beatles over a dispute about the ownership of a pop song.

Rock as three men are killed

Richard Ford is suing the rock band The Who over a dispute about the ownership of a song.

Rail crash claims ninth victim as BR opens level crossing inquiry

By Peter Davenport

Another victim of the Humber side train crash died in hospital yesterday as investigators from British Rail and the Department of Transport tried to establish not only the cause of the accident but also why the loss of life was so severe.

The latest death was that of Wayne Meinke, aged 11, who was a passenger in the van hit by the train on an unmanned, gateless crossing.

His death, in Hull Royal Infirmary, brought the total of those killed to nine, among them three members of a family and three teenagers. Last night 11 other passengers were still in hospital, 10 of them seriously injured.

British Rail denied that the system of audible warning and flashing lights on the crossing near the village of Lockington, north of Hull, had not been working properly in the week before the accident.

Some local residents complained during the weekend that the warning lights had been malfunctioning. But a British Rail spokesman said the system was monitored automatically every day and physically checked by signal engineers once a week.

The check was last carried out on July 23 when everything was working correctly.

Although further detailed tests on the mechanism were to be carried out after the accident, initial checks on Saturday showed that the system had been working at the time.

At the maximum permitted line speed of 70 mph an approaching train triggers the warning system at 1,280 yards distance. First there is a steady yellow light for three seconds followed by flashing red lights for 34 seconds, longer if the train is travelling at less than maximum speed, all accompanied by an audible warning.

There are plans to modernize 22 further level crossings to the unmanned variety on the Hull-Bridlington line, the scene of the crash, in the next four years at a cost of £1.4 million.

Yesterday British Rail said that although it would have to take heed of any recommendations from the subsequent Department of Transport inquiry the accident was not expected to have any influence on the modernization programme.

"This type of crossing is perfectly safe if correctly used by pedestrians and road users," a spokesman said.

There was no suggestion, he said, that the driver of the train, who was badly injured, had been exceeding the speed limit or that the crossing warning system had not been working correctly.

Normally it is the occupants of the vehicle involved that suffer the worst consequences, but in Saturday's accident the leading coach of the four-coach 9.33 Bridlington to Hull train rose in the air on impact and jackknifed backwards on itself before lurching down the embankment.

The coach then crashed down on passengers who had been flung clear and most of the dead and seriously injured were from the lead coach.

British Rail engineers are anxious to establish just why

the coach should have reared up in this way increasing the death and injury toll.

Police who are also conducting their own inquiry into the crash said yesterday that they were anxious to trace the occupants of two vehicles near the crossing at the time of the accident and who may have crucial evidence.

Those who died in the accident were named yesterday as: Mr Alfred Masters, aged 74, and his wife Elsie, aged 67, of Hop Grove, Hull, and their daughter, Mrs Christine Quinn, aged 30, of Lambert Street, also Hull; Joan Wilson, aged 60, of Scarborough Road, Bridlington; Helen Lodge, aged 15, of Hold View, Wetwang, near Driffield; Gregory Addison and Wayne Telling, both aged 16, and both of Driffield, and Miss Annette Stork, aged 22, also of Driffield.

Wayne Meinke, who died yesterday, lived at Railway Cottage, Lockington.

Cost factor limits use of barriers

British Rail will admit, if pressed, that the main difference between the "open" crossings like that near Hull, and that using barriers to keep road traffic off the railway is primarily one of cost. But it does not admit that one is necessarily safer than the other (Michael Baily, Transport Editor, writes).

It is, British Rail says, a matter of what type of crossing is appropriate for different traffic levels. Just as a crossing between two country lanes does not have traffic lights, so a crossing between a country lane and a little used railway does not have barriers.

There are five main categories of level crossing: the choice of type depending on the density of road and rail traffic using it:

- 1 The traditional gated crossing, often with a level crossing keeper's house alongside, and a man to open and close the gates by pushing them or by a wheel. About half the 1,000 or so crossings by public road are still of this type, but are being phased out. British Rail says it is costly, and less efficient because it takes longer to open and close the gate, and no more safe.
- 2 Full-barrier crossings operated from signal boxes, either visually or with closed circuit television. This is the dense-traffic system which has warning lights on the approach road, and separate barriers on both left and right lanes, and on both entrance and exit roads. It is activated by a signalman in association with the rail signals, and stops road vehicles by both warning lights and barriers.
- 3 Automatic half barrier, as much used on the Continent, is similar but has only two arms, each extending halfway across the road on the approaching lane. Its disadvantage is that motorists can take a chance by zig-zagging through, a practice that has often proved fatal.
- 4 Automatic open crossing, for less busy roads, has warning lights but no barriers. This is the type used near Hull. The decision to use these rather than (3) above is taken by British Rail on grounds of traffic level. Local authorities, who are invariably consulted, can request a more sophisticated system, and pay the extra.
- 5 Various lesser forms of open crossings with warning lights or signs for minor roads and tracks, and perhaps as few as one train a day or week.



Drivers went through their paces on Britain's new road race circuit in Birmingham yesterday, reaching speeds of 133 mph. The circuit was built at a cost of £1.5 million and race organizers believe that no other circuit in the world has the same facility for overtaking and for speed. The public will be able to see for themselves on August Bank Holiday Monday.

Hospices accused over Aids patients

The Royal College of Nursing has criticized the hospice movement for refusing to care for people with Aids (acquired immune deficiency syndrome). The college claims that hospices are not admitting people with the disease through fear of losing local financial community support.

"The hospice movement is failing in its responsibility to care for Aids patients," Mr Richard Wells, the college's adviser in oncology nursing, said yesterday. "They will not take these patients in case their voluntary contributions dry up."

One or two hospices admitted Aids patients only if they had cancer and one hospice had said it would take a woman with Aids but not a man, Mr Wells said.

Health service staff have also come up against the same difficulty. Mr John Shine, nurse councillor at St

Stephen's Hospital, Fulham, south-west London, which has treated many of the country's 362 Aids cases, said he had approached several hospices which had refused to take those patients.

"They fear they will have to make structural alterations, which they will not, and they are worried about scaring off the old ladies who knit the blankets and jumpers."

Plans to build the first hospice specifically for people with Aids are also being threatened by local opposition. News of the £2 million, 26-bed residential hostel to be housed in a converted school in Notting Hill, west London, has initiated an anonymous leaflet from local residents objecting to the scheme.

The leaflet warns residents of "far-reaching consequences to the local community" if the centre is built. A group of residents has also lobbied

local councillors and sent a petition to Kensington and Chelsea Borough Council, demanding that the scheme be rejected.

Proposals for the scheme, which will provide a range of services for both people diagnosed with the disease and those who have the Aids-related virus, HIV, will go to the council's planning sub-committee tomorrow.

The project, known as London Lighthouse, will be run by a newly registered charity of the same name.

It includes Mr John Fitzpatrick, chairman of the Terrence Higgins Trust steering group, and Mr Peter Randall, co-founder of Body Positive.

Mr Fitzpatrick said it was understandable that people were worried about an Aids hostel but emphasized that their fears were misplaced. "The centre will present no medical threat, or any threat

at all to the local community."

The charity estimates it will need £2 million to set up the project and a further £250,000 a year for running costs.

It has already secured a £50,000 donation and a £650,000 interest-free loan from the John Paul Getty Junior Charitable Trust and £100,000 from the Delamere Trust.

London Lighthouse, to be used as a model for similar projects around the country, aims to care both for those well enough to leave hospital, but not well enough to go home and those needing terminal care.

"Till now Aids has been seen as a medical problem," the group's founder, Mr Christopher Spence, said. "But what is happening in the National Health Service is not enough. Once people leave hospital they do not get adequate community support."

Beaches are still polluted by sewage

By Hugh Clayton

Environment Correspondent

Sewage levels on some British beaches are still higher than EEC "clean" levels, according to the latest survey by Greenpeace.

Samples taken by a microbiologist over four-day periods at different tides showed high levels at Blackpool and Great Yarmouth and at several Welsh and Cornish resorts.

The Greenpeace surveys are not as thorough as those of local water authorities, but there is widespread concern about the lack of official information available.

The Government does not expect the country's beaches to be fully clean until the end of the century and the results of its own investigation of 350 beaches will not be published until next year.

That leaves as the only informal guide local water authorities and the tests done on more than 600 beaches by the Bath-based Coastal Anti-pollution League.

Mr Tony Wakefield, founder of the league, said that tests showed a third of beaches well clear of EEC limits, a third slightly above them and a third well above.

The limits are based on the number of intestinal bacteria in water samples. "Weston-super-Mare, Minehead and Scarborough are all disgusting," Mr Wakefield said. The Government issues figures for only 27 crowded beaches - official bathing beaches - under EEC rules. In the 1984 survey all but three - Fistol, Newquay, Shore Road beach, Poole, and Odiham, Torquay - had sewage bacteria in samples.

Samples of bacteria were highest at Ryde and Shanklin in the Isle of Wight; at Goodrington Sands, Devon; Southend; St Ives and Weston-super-Mare.

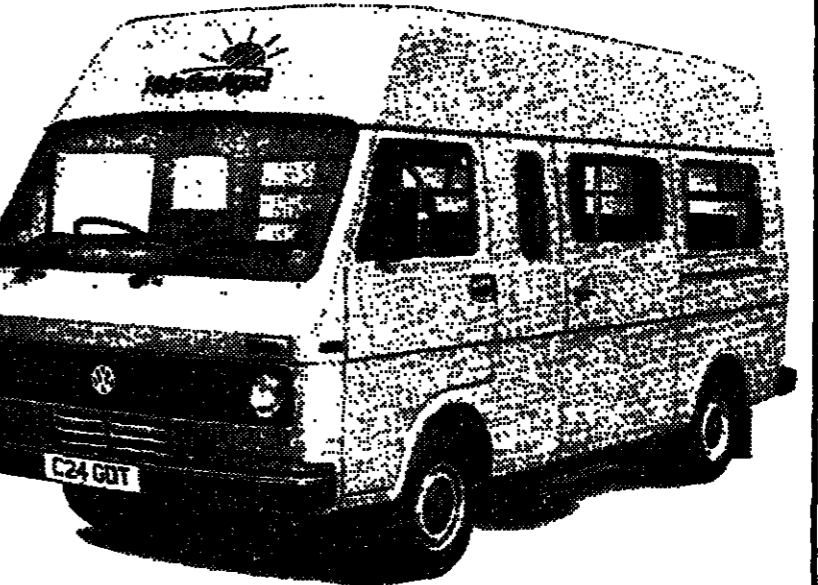
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In Britain, one household in seven is inhabited by an old person living on their own. One million have no regular visitors. Half a million have no living relatives. Over a million can't walk without help. "After my husband died I felt I was just wasting away from loneliness. I used to just sit watching the shadows cross my sitting room wall. I knew I should be getting out and about more, but how, and where to? It's not easy, not with a walking frame."

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THE TIME TO CARE IS NOW

Chess rivals prepare for a bitter battle

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

The controversial match between the two great Russian chess players, Gary Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov, begins this evening at the Park Lane Hotel, London.

The match itself will be bitter, not just on the chessboard but also in terms of hostile personal relations between the various protagonists, the youthful champion Kasparov, his dethroned rival Karpov and Mr Florencio Campomanes, president of FIDE, the world chess organization.

On more than one occasion Kasparov has fiercely accused Mr Campomanes and FIDE of favouring his rival while hampering his own chances. However, at a press conference, Kasparov said: "Although I stand by all of my previous statements, the coming months will see our battles resolved over the chessboard and not by a war of words."

Although the match is basically funded by residual resources from the Greater London Council, there has been an important last-minute injection of cash by City and related institutions. This move, spearheaded by Save and Prosper and British Airways, has put the World Match Organization in a firm financial position.

Match costs are in excess of £700,000, but during the next

month the investment, which has helped to establish London as world chess capital, should be handsomely repaid.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher last night officially opened the championship at the hotel's ballroom which was transformed into a gigantic chessboard with four huge chess rooks in the corners. These represented the Tower of London and St Basil's Cathedral, Moscow, built by Ivan the Terrible.

The ballroom itself, boasting a distinguished past, having been selected as the reserve venue for Parliament if Westminster had been bombed during the Second World War.

Parallel to the world championship will be the Commonwealth Championship and Lloyds Bank Masters, being held at the Great Eastern Hotel.

Kasparov and Karpov have earned international acclaim by donating their entire £160,000 prize fund to the victims of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

An iron curtain is believed to have been thrown around the two players until the completion of the finals at the end of August. They are being held at separate secret addresses and are likely to stay behind closed doors, except when they are playing.

'One door' for injury claims

By Trudi McIntosh

A "one-door entry" court procedure for personal injuries claims has been proposed by the Law Society to speed up preliminary hearings.

It makes the recommendation in response to a Personal Injuries Litigation Consultation paper by the Civil Justice Review which called for a more streamlined system. The society recommends that all preliminary hearings involving personal injuries claims should start in a county court in the district where the plaintiff or defendant lives, works or where the accident occurred, or in the High Court's central office at the Courts of Justice.

It also proposes that the amount of time for originating process should be reduced to six months, and that judges should be provided with relevant documents prior to trial. The Civil Justice Review found that cases can take up to three years in the county court and four to six years in the High Court and that cases which settle can take as long as those that go to trial.

Probably The Right Problems - Certainly The Wrong Solutions. The Law Society Response To The Personal Injuries Litigation Consultation Paper from the Civil Justice Review, July 1986 (The Law Society's Hall, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1PL).

Priest's relatives to sue

By Richard Ford

The relatives of a Roman Catholic priest are to take civil action against the man in whose home he died after a late-night bedroom dispute over drinks.

Their action may be for damages and compensation for the death of Father Niall Molloy, who died after a brief struggle in a married couple's bedroom a year ago.

An inquest jury at Tullamore, Co Offaly in the Irish Republic, decided on Saturday that the priest died from a brain haemorrhage caused by serious injuries to the head.

The verdict was greeted with applause from members of the dead man's family and his parishioners from Castlecoote in Co Roscommon.

But the events leading to his death and the actual struggle that occurred have been unexplained as three different accounts were given during the inquiry.

Fr Molloy, aged 52, had been a close family friend for 20 years of Mr Richard Flynn, a businessman, aged 48, and his wife Teresa, aged 47, and shortly before his death at their home, Killoosey House, Clara, Co Offaly, had attended the wedding of their daughter.

He had his own accommodation in their home, accompanied them on holidays and on the night he died had been sitting on the end of their bed having a drink when according to Mr Flynn a "stupid argument" developed over who would get another drink.

Mr Flynn said both his wife and the priest attacked him and he hit his wife once and Fr Molloy twice but then suffered a memory lapse until he saw both of them lying on the floor.

Mrs Flynn said she took a sleeping tablet and remembered waking to find her husband in bed beside her and the priest sitting at the end of the bed, but remembered nothing

till she regained consciousness as she lay on the floor.

The family's doctor, Dr Daniel O'Sullivan, said he remembered Mr Flynn telling him that an argument had developed downstairs but Mr Flynn says he did not say that.

The deputy coroner, Mr Brian Mahon, told the jury that Mr Flynn's account of the assault had failed to answer some serious questions.

After the hearing Mr Ian Maher, a cousin of the dead priest, said that this was the first time that the case had been judged by the plain ordinary people.

Neither Mr Flynn nor his wife was in court for the verdict but afterwards their son, David, said the family wished to offer sympathy to the Molloy family.

"We have been through a very difficult time over the past year and it was made more difficult because we knew things and could not explain them before now."

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Russians face £10m bill for fallout losses to UK farmers

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Soviet Union could get a bill of £10 million from the British Government to help meet the costs to farmers caused by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

Foreign Office lawyers are studying whether it is feasible in international law to charge the Russians for the losses suffered by farmers through the restrictions on the movement and slaughter of sheep in Wales, Scotland and Cumbria after the accident in May and the resulting spread of radioactivity across Europe.

The Government said on Friday that it accepted the case for making compensation payments to farmers. Mr Michael Jopling, Minister for Agriculture, will be discussing the issue at a meeting with National Farmers' Union leaders today.

But Mr Jopling and other senior ministers believe that if at all possible the Russians should be made to pay up on the basis that "the polluter pays".

Mr Jopling warned the Russian agriculture minister when he visited Britain three weeks ago of the concerns about the impact of the disaster on British farming.

The Russians have already estimated the cost of the disaster to their own country at £2 billion. It is accepted that if Britain lodges a claim, others will follow from the rest of the European countries affected.

The main problem for producers has been that because lambs have had to be kept on the farms they have become too fat to attract the special variable premium payments. Mr Jopling said on Friday that where such losses have been sustained and can be substantiated the Government would be prepared to meet them.

The National Farmers' Union told Mr Jopling that the estimated loss on every lamb that had to be kept on the farm was £3 a week.

Although the restrictions are now being progressively removed more than one million and a half animals have been affected at one time or another, and £10 million is put by some sources as a conservative estimate of the overall cost.

Cumbria found to be worst affected

British scientists are still learning from the Chernobyl nuclear power station accident.

They have compiled a map showing the different levels of radioactivity across the country about 10 days after peak fallout on May 3, when the cloud had swept across Britain from western Europe.

The map shows levels of caesium-137, the cloud's main component.

It was at its most concentrated in Cumbria, west Scotland and North Wales. The worst affected place was near Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria.

Figures on the map represent "becquerels" per square metre. A becquerel is a measure of the rate at which radioactive decay occurs, so the higher the figure, the higher the radioactivity. Barrow's reading was 6,670.

The figures, compiled by scientists from the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology, give a graphic indication of where fallout was worst.

"The map shows we can identify distribution of fallout, and how this is caused by the climate at the time," Dr Bill Heal, who takes over as head of the Institute's Merlewood Research Station at Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria, on Friday, said.



Members of the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra celebrating the end of the Welsh Proms in St David's Hall, Cardiff, on Saturday night with a programme that included the works of Arnold, Holst, and Elgar, and two Welsh hymns. The proms are to become an annual event.

Action on peril from waste

Top-level talks are under way within the Government on how best to deal with a future escape of genetic material.

The discussions, involving scientists and officials, are being held at the same time as a state-funded research programme into the disposal of genetic waste and a study into the possible dangers of biotechnological by-products by the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution.

The Government first became aware of the new and often lethal by-products of new technology three years ago, when an unpublished report commissioned by the Department of the Environment gave a warning that such waste would double between 1983 and 1990, and that new and unknown chemicals could cause

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Canberra's gastric complaint affects 22

By Trudi McIntosh

Eighteen passengers and four members of the crew have been struck so far by a gastric complaint since the P & O liner, Canberra, sailed from Southampton last Monday on a 14-day Mediterranean cruise.

As the ship arrived at the Italian island of Elba yesterday a P & O official said health officers and scientists were still trying to establish whether this latest outbreak is linked to the virus that left more than 600 passengers and members of the crew ill on the ship's five previous cruises.

Mr Brian MacDonald, managing director of Canberra Cruises, said the fact that only 22 people had been affected so far was encouraging; 130 people had been affected by the same stage during the previous cruise.

He said four passengers became ill on Saturday. All 22 people affected had recovered.

Scientists believe that the previous outbreaks may have been caused by the Norwalk virus which is usually transmitted through water, food or contact.

Kinnock pleased he is not a woman

By Angella Johnson

Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Labour Party, has told a woman's magazine how "bloody glad" he was not female, because whatever their social class they are usually the poorest and the most disadvantaged group in Britain.

Mr Kinnock told *Cosmopolitan* that his daughter, although more gifted than his son, was likely to suffer significant inferior treatment during her life because she was female.

"In terms of education, training, employment, health, the disadvantaged are women," he said. "In my mind I see this whole span for women, and it lies between an audit walkway on a big estate, through education, training, poverty, pensions, through wife-beating and abuse."

Mr Kinnock, promising his allegiance to the feminist cause, said one of his political ambitions was to make both his son and daughter true equals. "Not by depressing my son's opportunities, but by elevating and normalizing my daughter's."

22,000 lift rescues made last year

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The number of people trapped in lifts each year in England and Wales is equivalent to the population of a medium-size town, according to rescue figures which have been released for the first time.

The number of times the fire service was called to rescue people from lifts last year was 22,100. However, the total number trapped could be at least twice that figure.

Mr David Fazakerley, director of the National Association of Liftmakers, said he was surprised and unhappy with the number of lift rescues. However, if the number of lift operations in one day were taken into account, it would not seem so dramatic. There are 150,000 lifts in the United Kingdom which stop and start about 180 million times a day.

The average workload for fire brigades ranges from one call a week in the shire counties to more than 35 calls a day in London.

Mr Fazakerley said there were an enormous number of old lifts in Britain, many of which were more than 50-years old. They were perfectly safe but were going to break down more often. "In those days people built lifts like motor cars - to last for ever. They do work, not efficiently, but safely."

Overloading is often a reason for breakdowns. Mr Roy Crisp, a station officer in the London Fire Brigade, said at one stage firemen were being called on average once a day to a lift used by people from the Middle East. Most could not speak English and were unable to read the warning about the limit on the number of passengers.

Mr Crisp said he had seen people suffering from claustrophobia who had torn their hands scratching at the lift doors.

"I would like to see more lifts with alarms and telephones," he said. If you are stuck in a lift, his advice is to sit down and stay calm.

University selling its lordships

Americans with Welsh connections may be among the prestige hunters when a batch of manorial titles comes under the hammer in Cardiff in September.

They are being sold by the University of Wales, which is seeking to raise cash from the social ambitions of those who would like to be lord of a manor.

The university acquired the titles after the Anglican Church in Wales was disestablished in 1913.

Agents handling the sale are reporting "phenomenal" interest and looking for bids of up to £10,000 for seven manors owned by the university in the Carmarthen area. Some titles carry sporting or mineral rights, but no land is involved.

Privatized sewer plan dropped

Plans by Anglian Water to establish Britain's first privatized sewage works at a cost of £20 million have been dropped.

The water authority had intended to retain outside contractors to finance, design, build and operate the new works at Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, for the next 25 years.

Mr Bernard Henderson, the authority chairman, said yesterday that the project would still go ahead but they would pay for it themselves. "It was an exciting and feasible idea, but in the end it was the immensely involved issues of the scheme's financing which forced us to modify our plans."

Science report

Astronomers propose hunt for life in space

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A search should be made for earth-like planets that could harbour living organisms, senior astronomers suggest in the current issue of the scientific journal, *Nature*.

They propose putting a large telescope in space that would measure infra-red signals, revealing the presence of oxygen and other elements essential to life.

The scientists say that the idea is feasible because of advances in radioastronomy and optical astronomy. Developments have made it possible to scan stars for orbiting planets the size of earth and with similarly oxygen-rich atmospheres.

But the instrument would have to be on a spacecraft to combat interference from the earth's atmosphere.

The four astronomers, from the physics department of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Steward Observatory at the University of Arizona, said that present opinion had dismissed the possibility of obtaining images of bodies as small as earth in the detail needed to analyse their atmospheres for indications of life.

Their plan of how a hunt for extraterrestrial life can be carried out is the subject of two reports in this week's *Nature*. Although Mr Neville Woolf, from the University of Arizona, one of the four astronomers, said it was unlikely that the technology for putting up such a telescope could be developed before about 2010.

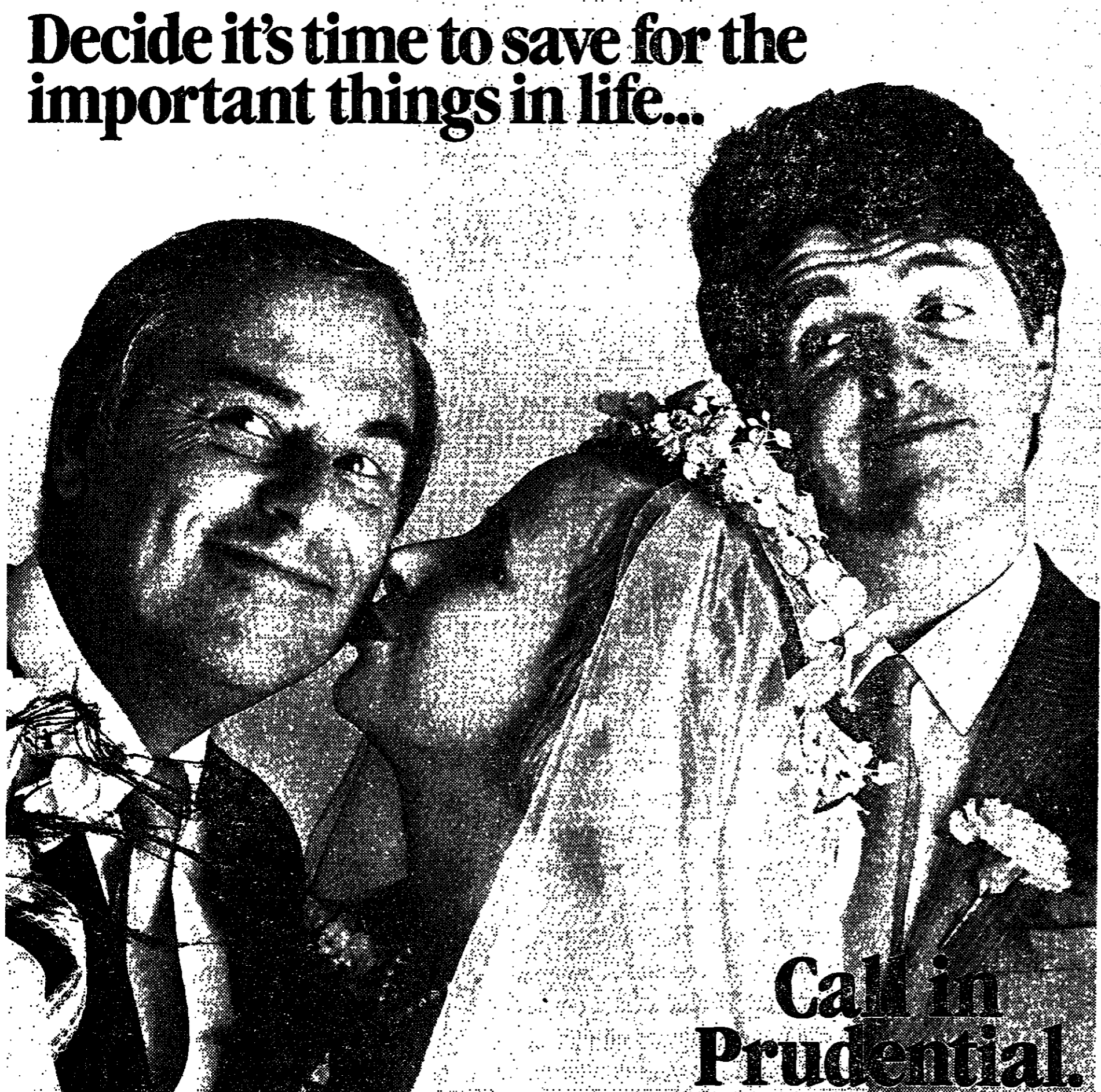
"We are talking about a monstrous telescope with a 16-metre (52.5 ft) mirror," he said. The telescope would also be kept at below minus 190°C. In comparison, the revolutionary space telescope which was to have been placed in orbit in August, but which was delayed because of the accident to the space shuttle, was only 2.5 metres (8.2 feet) in diameter.

The purpose of the proposals is to encourage the American space agency, Nasa, to include a feasibility study of the project among its long-range plans for space science.

The technical details for the telescope have come from the Arizona observatory. The way it would be used is described by Mr Bernard Burke, from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mr Woolf, and two Arizona university colleagues, Mr Andrew Cheng and Mr J. Angel, said in their paper that, once the telescope was in position, several interesting candidate stars would lie within its range.

The astronomers believed that the stars that were the best candidates for having life-supporting planets were the Barnard star, the Orion constellation and the star Vega.



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Priest brings message of hope and despair from Lebanon hostages

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

Like the shadows cast on the walls of Plato's cave, the dark world of the surviving American hostages in Lebanon was thrown into brief blinding relief at the weekend when a weary, middle-aged Roman Catholic priest from Illinois emerged from 19 months of secret imprisonment with a message of hope and despair for the families of three Americans still known to be alive in their kidnappers' hands.

The hope was embodied in the Rev. Lawrence Martin Jenco's innate optimism and in his words of faith about his three fellow prisoners.

The despair came in a grim yet moving video tape which he brought with him from Lebanon to Damascus in which Mr David Jacobsen, director of the American University Hospital in Beirut — abducted in May last year — pleaded with the American Government to negotiate with his captors lest the remaining prisoners be murdered.

They would be released from their captivity only "by death", he said, if the Americans did not concede to the kidnappers' demands.

"I am very tired and I'm frustrated and to tell you the truth, I'm very angry," Mr Jacobsen told the anonymous camera which filmed him in his unknown place of confinement.

"Why won't the Government negotiate for our release? They have negotiated for other Americans. Why not us?"

Father Jenco's release was a traumatic, emotional affair. His captors — from the extremist Muslim Islamic Jihad movement — had released him near Lake Karoun in the lower Bekaa Valley of Lebanon, whence he had been taken to Syrian military intelligence headquarters in Anjar and thence to Damascus.

Aware that the sister of one of the remaining prisoners — Terry Anderson, bureau chief of the Associated Press news agency in Beirut — was visiting Damascus, Father Jenco climbed from a Syrian government car after his liberation and cried out: "Where is Terry Anderson's sister? He threw his arms around the bespectacled and emotional figure of the suburban housewife from Batavia, New York State. Both of them wept.

Yet the demands of the

Islamic Jihad kidnappers seemed unclear yesterday. Originally, they had been demanding the release of 17 men convicted in Kuwait for the bombing of the US and French embassies there in 1983. But in their rhetorical statement announcing Father Jenco's imminent freedom — and in Mr Jacobsen's 6 1/2-minute video tape — this demand was not repeated.

Were some other demands now being made? Mr Jacobsen claimed on tape that Father Jenco was taking "instructions" to the American Government. But Father Jenco would not reveal the content before he left Damascus yesterday morning for the Rhein-Main US airbase in West Germany.

Even Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy who made three visits to the kidnappers in

Beirut last winter, suddenly turned up in Damascus from Amman to accompany Father Jenco on his flight to Germany.

Discretion appears to be a quality which now involves kidnappers, captives and government officials.

Islamic Jihad is part of the Iraqi opposition Dawaa party which is demanding the overthrow of President Saddam Hussein of Iraq; and the Gulf war against Iran is going badly for Iraq just now.

Be that as it may, Mr Jacobsen's appeal for himself, Mr Anderson and for Mr Thomas Sutherland, Dean of Agriculture at the American University of Beirut — the third captive known to be alive in Lebanon — was a sad and powerful message.

Father Jenco tried to appear optimistic yesterday. "I have high hopes for the release of my three friends and fellow prisoners and other hostages," he said before he left Damascus. "Now I need time to pray then reflect on the events of the past two days."

Peres urges Bush to hurry to Cairo

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Mr George Bush, the American Vice-President, was urged last night to use his influence to persuade Egypt to complete negotiations quickly to normalize relations with Israel.

Mr Bush, at the start of a 12-day Middle East tour which also includes Jordan and Egypt, had a private meeting with Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, and Mr Yitzhak Shamir, who is to take over as Prime Minister in October.

He found that Mr Peres was anxious for help to hurry Egypt through the negotiating process so that a summit meeting between himself and President Mubarak could be arranged before October.

Mr Peres also briefed him on his meeting last week with King Hassan of Morocco and stressed that moderate Arab leaders now needed maximum American help if they were to lead the way in peace negotiations.

Mr Abraham Sofaer, the US State Department legal advisor, has been in Cairo for the past week trying to put together a document on arbitration for disputed border areas between the two countries which is expected to be discussed by negotiators from both sides in Beersheba later this week.

American sources say that little remains at issue and that Mr Peres therefore hopes that an extra push from Mr Bush may be enough to end the protracted argument.

Mr Peres was yesterday given unanimous support by his Cabinet when he reported on the 16-point plan he had left in Morocco for consideration by King Hassan.

Mr Shamir agreed that the plan did not go beyond the negotiating position of the coalition Government and that it was therefore possible for him to take it up after he becomes Prime Minister.

There are, however, moves



Mr Bush wearing a yarmulka to kiss the Western Wall in Jerusalem after a visit to

within the Labour camp to shift Israel's negotiating position after the Morocco meeting, in which the King told Mr Peres that the Arab countries would insist that the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) had to represent the Palestinians in any negotiations.

The plan calls for the withdrawal of Israel from Arab territories captured in the 1967 Middle East War and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

Meanwhile, the Libyan news agency Jana said that the people's grass-roots congress had called for a tribunal to be set up to judge King Hassan's "betrayal" of the Arab cause over his meeting with Mr Peres.

Israeli Cabinet names Modai replacement

Tel Aviv (Reuters) — The Israeli Cabinet yesterday approved the appointment of Mr Avraham Shabar, the Israeli Tourism Minister, to replace Mr Yitzhak Modai, the Justice Minister who resigned last week after insulting Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister.

Mr Shabar will keep his present post in addition to taking on the duties of the Justice Minister until October when Mr Peres and Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Foreign Minister, exchange posts.

Mr Peres's Labour Party has demanded that Mr Modai's resignation be upheld after the swap, but the Likud insists that he be allowed to return

Moderates take strong lead in Thai election

Bangkok (Reuters) — Thailand's moderate Democratic Party took a strong early lead yesterday in a general election marked by at least six deaths and scattered border shelling from Vietnamese troops in Cambodia.

Acknowledging Democratic wins in about a third of the results counted so far, Mr Bhisai Rattakul, the party leader, dropped heavy hints that he would support General Prem Tinsulanonda, the long-serving Prime Minister, in his next coalition.

Mr Bhisai, who was a critic of the General's expected return to power through a constitutional loophole during the campaign, said that the country needed a stable gov-

Arab anger forces King from post

From Robert Fisk, Beirut



Father Jenco waving as he arrives at the Rhein-Main US airbase after having been held hostage in Lebanon.

King Hassan of Morocco yesterday resigned his chairmanship of the Arab summit — held infrequently under the auspices of the Arab League — because of the hostility of Syria and other Arab states to his meeting last week with Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister.

In a letter to Mr Cheddi Klibi, secretary-general of the league, he said he did not want Morocco to be an obstacle to summit meetings which may be held in the near future.

The King evidently hopes that a summit conference can yet be convened to discuss his talks with Mr Peres. He realizes, however, that Morocco is now in no position to summon such a meeting.

The discussions between King Hassan and the Israeli leader are believed to have been the focus of further talks at the weekend between President Assad of Syria and King Hussein of Jordan. The Jordanian monarch travelled to Damascus on Saturday for two meetings — one of them held in the strictest privacy — with Mr Assad, after which the Syrian leader held a banquet in King Hussein's honour.

Mr Moulay Ahmed Alaoui, Morocco's Minister of State, said that the meeting between King Hassan and Mr Peres was a long-term success and an historic turning point, despite the King's initial gloomy assessment of it (Reuters reports).

He told two Israeli newspapers, *Davar* and the *Jerusalem Post*: "There is from now on, without a doubt, a substantive and psychological change in relations between Israel and the Arab states."

But Mr Abdellatif Filali, the Moroccan Foreign Minister, was less positive. "We thought the Israelis were ready to take a step towards the Palestinians. In any event, we feel that it was necessary to do what we did... that is, to start a dialogue."

He said that the most positive outcome of the meeting was that Mr Peres now understood the fundamentals of the 1982 Fez Arab summit plan, which Israel has always opposed.

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Soviet-US summit more likely

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The prospects of a US-Soviet summit meeting in Washington this year suddenly look brighter. Mr Aleksandr Bessmertnykh, a Soviet deputy foreign minister in charge of American relations, meets Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, today to discuss the agenda.

The meeting is regarded as a prelude to talks between Mr Shultz and Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, in New York at the end of September, at which the date for a summit meeting might be set.

Moscow has said that a meeting is contingent on the likelihood of progress in arms control talks. Mr Reagan's formal response, delivered on Friday, to proposals offered by Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, is being described by Administration officials as conciliatory on the question of the Strategic Defence Initiative.

Although the contents of Mr Reagan's letter are secret, officials say that he offered to delay deployment of any new space-based weapons for five to seven years in exchange for an agreement that such weapons could be deployed by one or both countries thereafter.

The offer may not be as generous as it first appears, since it is likely to be at least five to seven years in any case before the US is ready to deploy defensive weapons in space.

Dr Allen Mense, deputy chief scientist of the Star Wars project, told *The Times* on Friday that by the early 1990s the Defence Secretary should have enough information to allow him to tell the President what kind of system could be deployed in space.

"It will not be a system that is 90 per cent capable," he said. "The object would be to 'minimize the maximum risk'. Because of high reductions in the programme's budget it would not be possible to present as many different methods of intercepting missiles as had been hoped."

"Our Congress is putting the country at risk," he said. "He was not confident that in the 1990s the political decision would be made to go ahead with deployment."

Africans meet on sanctions OAU to condemn Britain

Addis Ababa (Reuters) — African leaders meeting here today will consider measures proposed by their foreign ministers to press Britain to reverse its opposition to sanctions against South Africa.

The United States was also given special condemnation for its policy of "constructive engagement" which the ministers said gave succour to South Africa.

The resolutions did not propose any reprisals against Washington, but their language surprised Western diplomats who had confidently predicted that the ministers would drop the condemnation of Washington and the clause suggesting reprisals against Britain.

The heads of state can amend the ministers' recommendations and these take final form only when adopted in the summit's closing session due on Wednesday.

The sources say that the motion on sanctions and Western states, untouched since first drafted by the OAU liberation committee, had a good chance of sailing through the summit in identical form.

But diplomats note that its tone is more strident than the reality behind the proposals. The anti-British paragraph, for example, leaves African and other countries free to choose what steps to take, and mentions sports boycotts, economic measures and breaking diplomatic relations only as suggestions.

A resolution on transport links similarly appeared to fall short of headline Nigerian proposals.

Methodist call for a boycott Border death fence to halt alien influx

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

The World Methodist Council, with 500 members representing 90 countries, has called for comprehensive economic sanctions against South Africa to make possible a less violent resolution of its tragedy.

The council's resolution, adopted here at the weekend after an emotional discussion, was endorsed by the 2,500 delegates at the 15th World Methodist Conference.

The only abstainers were some members of the delegation from the Methodist Church of Southern Africa.

The resolution calls on Methodist bodies to remove any funds from corporations or banks that have ties with South Africa, and calls on all governments to adopt a policy of mandatory sanctions.

It also seeks the immediate release of Mr Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners, an end to the state of emergency, an end to apartheid and negotiations for a political and economic future based on equal rights.

South Africa has built an electrified death fence along part of its border with Mozambique to keep out refugees fleeing from the Renamo rebels.

The fence, more than eight feet high, stretches 15 miles south from the Komatipoort border post to the edge of the Krugersdorp mountains.

South Africa's large Kruger game park flanks the border north of Komatipoort and some of the refugees trying to reach sanctuary in South Africa through the park have fallen prey to lions and other predators. More have been killed on the Mozambique side of the border which is laced with mines laid by Frelimo Government troops.

The electrified fence is due to be switched on on August 1. It stands between two other high fences designed to prevent innocent people or animals making contact with it.

A South African military spokesman said: "It is unlikely that even a very determined person or creature could get over or through that fence. It is high and lethal."

The South African authorities insist that the fence has been built only to prevent cattle and stock thefts and illegal border crossings. But there can be little doubt that it is also designed as an obstacle for African National Congress guerrillas.

South Africa says 60,000 "so-called refugees" have fled from Mozambique to escape the fighting between Frelimo and Renamo.

Most of them have taken refuge in the homelands of Gazankulu, Lebowa, Kangwane and KwaZulu. The South African Government is providing short-term aid such as shelter, food, clothing and medical assistance.

There are also, according to official estimates, between 160,000 and 170,000 "illegal job seekers" from Mozambique in South Africa.

The South African and Mozambican governments have not spoken to each other for nearly a year about the refugee problem, according to Vice-Admiral Ronnie Edwards, Secretary of the Nkomati Accord signed between the two countries nearly two years ago.

Civil Guard mourn victims of terror

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

Mourners prayed over flag-draped coffins at Civil Guard police headquarters in the Spanish city of Logroño yesterday for the latest two victims of terrorism.

In the Basque city of San Sebastián, meanwhile, anti-extremist marchers prepared to take to the streets after a night of violent clashes between police and pro-separatist demonstrators.

The dead in Logroño were a Civil Guard policeman and a police lieutenant, blasted by a booby-trap on Saturday morning when they went to investigate the rocket-grenade shelling of their barracks near San Sebastián.

The lieutenant, Señor Ignacio Mateu, aged 27, was the son of a Supreme Court justice and former political court magistrate himself fatally shot in Madrid in 1978 by the military wing of Eta, the militant Basque separatist organization.

The leader of the anti-Eta marchers in San Sebastián, Señora Cristina Cuesta, is also the child of an Eta victim. Her father, a telephone company executive, was shot to death in the city earlier this year.

The unauthorized demonstration to protest against the deportation from France of Eta leaders turned into a series of hit-and-run clashes on Saturday night between police and about 500 Eta sympathizers. Dozens of people were treated for injuries.

Police later removed barricades, including 12 city buses — two of which had been set on fire — and more than 60 private cars.

González calls his new Cabinet together

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

The new Cabinet of Señor Felipe González, Spain's Socialist Prime Minister, is to meet for the first time this afternoon after its members were sworn in on Saturday.

The four newcomers are: Señor Luis Carlos Croissier who becomes Minister of Industry and Energy; Señor Julian Garcia who is Minister of Health; Señor Virgilio Zapatero former Secretary of State for Relations with the Cortes (Parliament), whose department has been raised in status to a ministry; and Señor Manuel Chaves, who is named Minister of Labour and Social Security.

The full Cabinet: Prime Minister Felipe González, Vice Prime Minister Alfonso Guerra, Foreign Affairs Francisco Fernández Ordóñez, Justice Fernando Ledesma, Defence Narcis Serra, Economy and Finance Carlos Soldevilla, Interior José Barriocanne, Public Works and Urbanization Javier Sáenz, Education and Science José María Maravall, Labour and Social Security Manuel Chaves, Industry and Energy Luis Carlos Croissier, Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Carlos Romero, Public Administration Joaquín Almunia, Transport, Tourism and Communications Abel Caballero, Culture and Government Spokesman Javier Solans, Health Julian Garcia, Parliamentary Relations Virgilio Zapatero.

Managua burns its bridges

From John Carlin, Managua

The Hague condemning US support for the Contras as a violation of international law.

The stage seemed set for the international community, including those Western Europeans sitting nervously on the fence on Nicaragua, to rally around the Sandinistas.

Then, to the frustration of pro-Sandinista campaigners abroad, the Oregon Government came down hard on the Oregon and the Church, scoring an international public relations own goal.

Efforts by the countries of Central America to hammer out a Contadora-inspired modus vivendi received the latest of several recent body blows last weekend when President Ortega lashed out publicly at the governments of El Salvador, Honduras and Costa Rica for presiding over socially unjust, repressive systems.

Sandinista leaders are being seen increasingly by some diplomats as rash and naively short-sighted, burning bridges

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just when their need for friends is greater than ever.

Sandinista officials interviewed last week said they were only too well aware of the international cost of their actions, but that internal pressures had prevailed.

"Our soldiers, our party workers in the war zones, needed a sign from the Government that we weren't going to stand weakly by as the United States stepped up the suffering of our people," says a senior Sandinista official, Señor Rafael Solís.

The worry is known to exist in Sandinista circles that the discontent generated by a war-exasperated economy may translate into support, at present still minimal, for the counter-revolution.

But however much support is lost abroad, and however much the Sandinistas tighten the screws internally, there are few outside the Contra camps who believe that the Sandinistas are in any danger of falling.

Rome's great drain robbery fails by inches

Rome (AP) — Police yesterday arrested six slim-covered men who had tunneled their way to within inches of a post underground vault containing about £44 million worth of cash and stamps.

Five of the gang were caught after they emerged from manholes and the sixth was still digging.

"I suffer from insomnia; I was just getting a little air before going back to sleep," Aasa, the news agency, said one of the captured men told the chief of Rome's investigating police.

The man was wearing only his underwear when he came out of a manhole near the Tiber River, ANSA said.

Heroin haul

Suez City (AP) — Egyptian authorities seized 66 lb of pure heroin from a Panamanian-registered cargo ship waiting to pass through the Suez Canal en route to Belgium, port officials said.

Deadly fungi

Belgrade (Reuters) — Two people died and more than 200 were taken to hospital, six of them in critical condition, after eating poisonous mushrooms in Bosnia, central Yugoslavia, the newspaper *Politika* said.

Thai fire

Bangkok (Reuters) — At least five foreign tourists suffered from smoke inhalation when the luxury Rincoonee hotel caught fire in Chiang Mai, northern Thailand.

Panther held

New York (NYT) — Willie Roger Holden, aged 38, a former Black Panther who had been sought for 14 years in connection with the hijacking of a US airliner, was expelled from France and arrived under guard at Kennedy International Airport, where he was arrested by the FBI.

Cocaine catch

Corunna (Reuters) — Spanish police arrested nine people and seized 158 lb of cocaine with a street value of more than £10 million on board a Colombian trawler.

Landslide toll

Senise, Italy (Reuters) — The death toll in a landslide that destroyed two houses in this southern Italian village rose to eight when rescue workers recovered the body of a nine-year-old girl. Her brother and sister had earlier been found dead.

Fire bomb attack on refugees

West Berlin (Reuters) — Petrol bombs destroyed two tents in a transit camp for Third World refugees using West Berlin as a gateway to West Germany, police said.

Nunn slips to fourth

Bienna, Switzerland (AP) — Eric Lobron, the West German grandmaster, won his sixth-round match to break a three-way tie for first place and stand alone in the lead at the Bienna International Chess Tournament.

Fire bomb attack on refugees

John Nunn, a British grandmaster who had previously led the tournament, dropped to fourth place after losing to Lev Polugaevski, a Soviet grandmaster, in his first defeat of the tournament.

Fire bomb attack on refugees

Two refugees from Bangladesh were hurt by tear gas sprayed by unknown assailants over the weekend. In an incident last week, police broke up a fight between right and left-wing extremists in front of a tent housing refugees from Iran.

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Kinnock pleased he is not a woman
By Anella Johnson
Mr Neil Kinnock, leader of the Labour Party, has said he is pleased because he is a man and not a woman, because whatever he does, he is a man. He said he was the poorest and the least advantaged group in Britain.

Mr Kinnock told *Compass* that his daughter, though more gifted than he, is likely to suffer from the same inferior treatment as he is because she is female.

"In terms of education, employment, housing, he said, 'in our world, women are still worse off than men and it lies between the two sexes, in the way they are treated through education, wages, property, pensions, fringe-benefits and divorce.'

Mr Kinnock, promising to introduce legislation to improve the position of women, said one of his policies was to make his son and daughter equal. "Not by depressing the wages and opportunities of the latter and normalizing the former."

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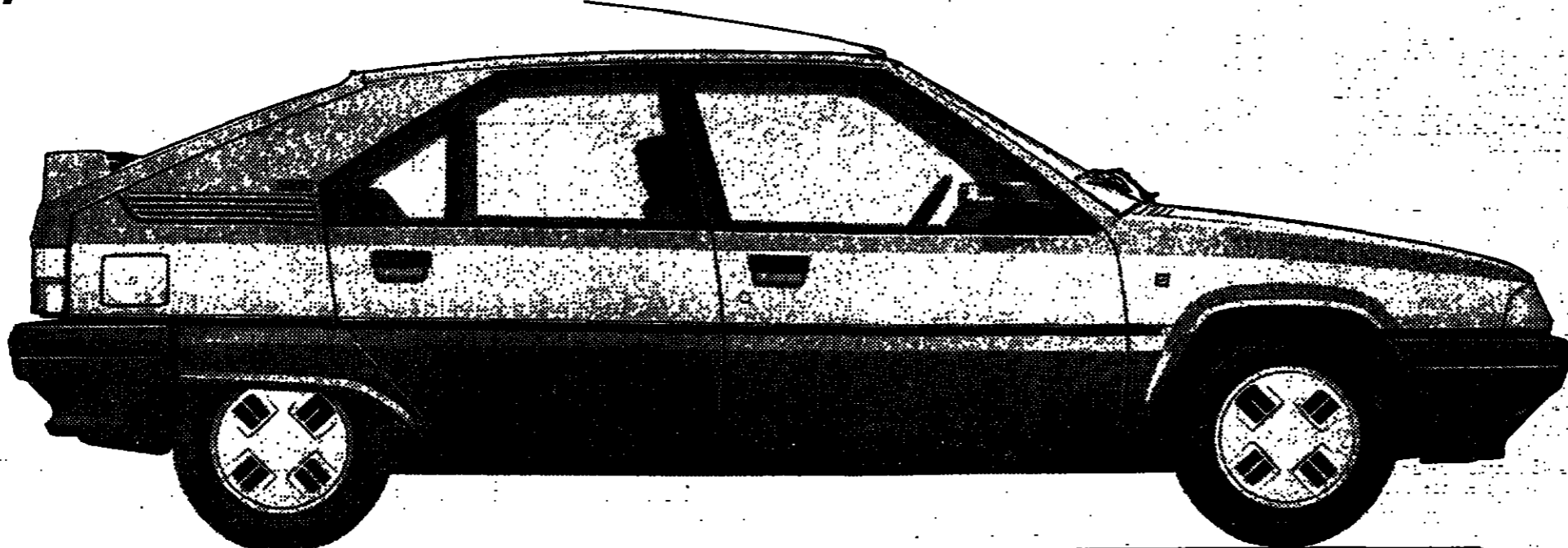
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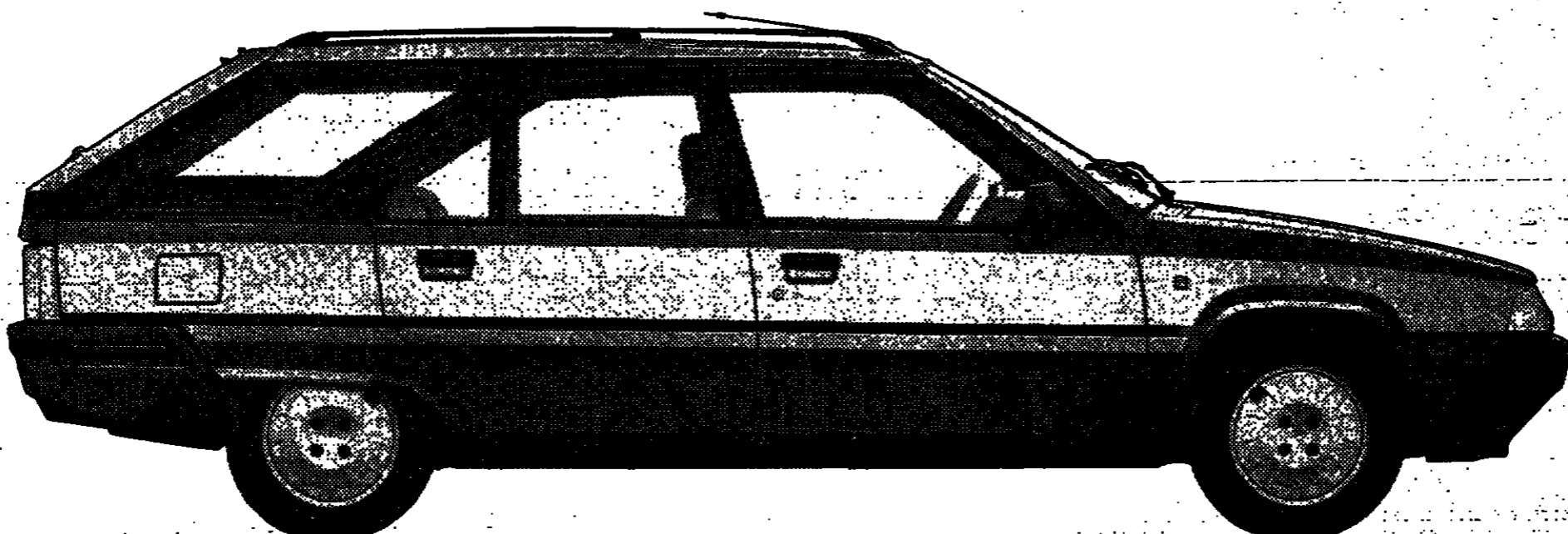
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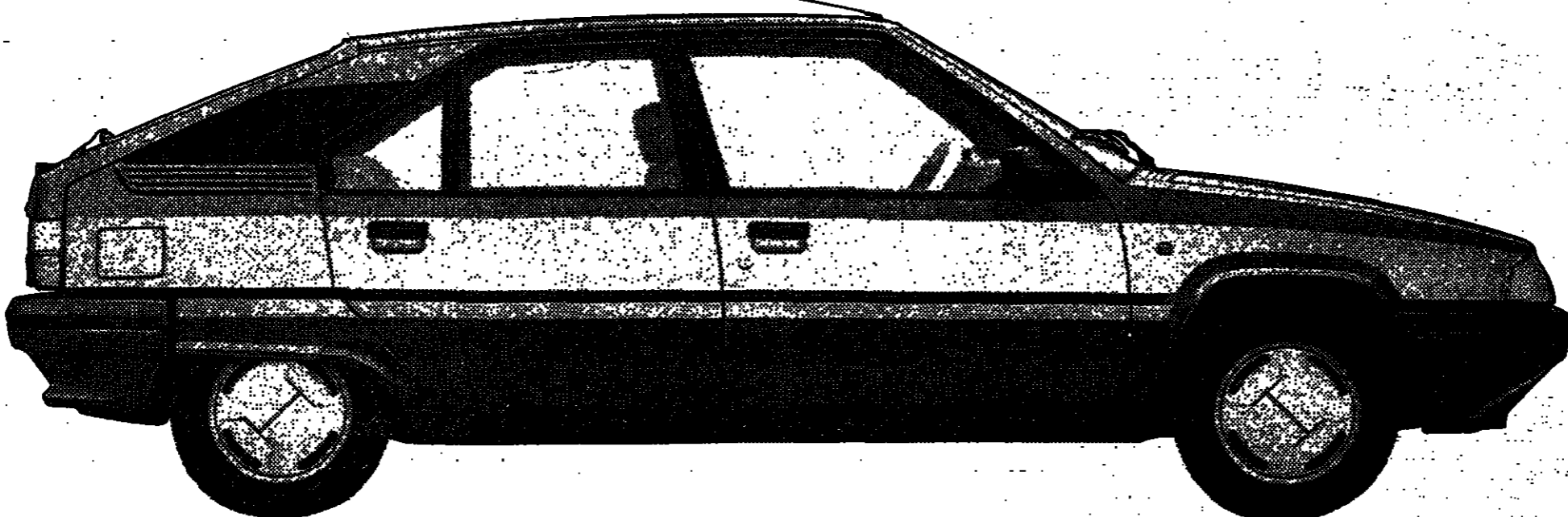


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Delhi waits in fear of more rioting

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

A cloak of bitter fear hung over the Indian capital yesterday despite the curfew imposed after Hindu mobs went on the rampage. The authorities crossed their fingers and hoped that they would be spared a repetition of the dreadful events of the first five days of November 1984.

But unlike 1984 security forces were quickly on the streets at the weekend, determined to stamp hard on the threatened outbreak of rioting between Hindus and Sikhs.

Hindus enraged by the appalling massacre of bus passengers on the road from the Punjab town of Muktsar, in which 15 innocent men were killed with bullets by Sikh terrorists, rampaged through western and northern Delhi.

Sikh temples, police stations, and individual Sikhs became once more the target of Hindu rage, just as they had done when news was released of the assassination of Mrs Indira Gandhi by Sikh members of her bodyguard.

Gurkhas killed

The army was ordered into the eastern Indian town of Kalimpong yesterday after police shot dead eight Gurkhas and wounded five in riots sparked by a campaign for autonomy.

The Press Trust of India said (Reuters reports from Delhi). The news agency said that police opened fire to disperse supporters of the Gurkha National Liberation Front.

This time the authorities reacted immediately. Of the six people whose deaths were reported, four were killed by police bullets as the outnumbered security forces battled the rioting mobs.

Police opened fire only after having failed to keep control with baton charges and tear gas. Delhi's police chiefs quickly called in the army to help to keep order.

Several areas of west Delhi, which is heavily populated with Sikhs, were put under curfew, and the curfew was maintained rigorously.

But as rioting died down in one area it broke out in another, until the Hindu mobs gave up looking for Sikhs and attacked their more traditional enemies, the Muslims of old Delhi.

According to police the Muslims were accused of having aided the Sikhs in the

November 1984 riots, but there is a long history of bad feeling between the two communities in that area and very little is needed to spark further incidents.

One man injured in police shooting also died in hospital yesterday morning. Further curfews have been clamped on areas within the old city's walls.

Security forces had an impressive presence yesterday in the worst affected area of west Delhi, Tilak Nagar.

Every crossing was manned by a picket of police, and tough mountain troops of the Gurkha Regiment were patrolling to reassure inhabitants that all would be well.

Seven infantry sections were disposed in the area, and other companies of the regiment were standing by.

Elsewhere in the capital life was more or less normal. Those markets which opened were not particularly busy.

The prosperous Sikh centre of Karol Bagh was quiet for a Sunday, and many of the bazaar shops, where normally several hundred Sardanis - Sikh housewives - would be shopping for saris, were closed. There was a rumour in the area that further trouble had occurred, but police denied knowing of it.

A crude bomb explosion before dawn also started residents of the area. Police said that one person was injured when a device he was making went off.

In the terrorist-haunted areas of Punjab, the army also made its presence felt with "flag marches", threateningly determined shows of strength, in Batala, Gurdaspur, Pathankot, Taran Taran and Fatehgarh Churian.

The army marched in Amritsar too, but a curfew in force there at the weekend was lifted. The restriction had been imposed in view of a threatened general strike called by an all-party group to protest at the killings on the Muktsar bus. The curfew imposed in Muktsar after the incident also continued.

Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, the Chief Minister of the state, called an emergency meeting of his Cabinet in the capital, Chandigarh. He told members of his dash to Delhi to urge the central Government to protect the innocent Sikhs there. The Cabinet appealed to all communities for harmony.

But in a startling front-page



Police arresting two men in the Delhi suburb of Tilak Marg after Hindus, infuriated by a massacre in the Punjab, rampaged through western and northern areas of the capital.

editorial, one of the more sober English-language newspapers in Delhi called for solutions to the Punjab problem in a tone not unlike that of the west Delhi rioters.

The *Hindustan Times*, usually thought to be close to the thinking of the ruling Congress Party, said that "summary and public execution of captured terrorists does not seem bestial or inhuman. After all, mad dogs are destroyed in every well-ordered society".

An even more threatening situation faces security forces in Delhi today, when the leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party, a staunchly Hindu chauvinist party, have called for a one-day general strike in the city.

Marcos mob kills Aquino supporter

From Keith Dalton Manila

An irate mob in Manila yesterday clubbed and kicked to death a supporter of President Aquino after riot police used tear gas to stop a rally by supporters of the former president, Mr Ferdinand Marcos.

Police said that Mr Sieve Rodriguez never regained consciousness after he was beaten in the Rizal Park, and died soon after having been admitted to the Philippine General Hospital near by.

At least 10 people were injured, four of them by the demonstrators.

Mr Rodriguez is the first death among many pro-Aquino supporters who have been beaten up during regular anti-government rallies.

During a ban on demonstrations, about 500 people held placards and chanted their support for Mr Marcos and his running mate in February's presidential election, Mr Arturo Tolentino.

They were given 10 minutes to disperse. When they refused, 400 policemen wielding truncheons chased them through the park, and fired tear gas and smoke bombs when they tried to regroup.

Grenade thrown: A hand grenade thrown into a US-Philippines military compound in the Manila suburb of Quezon City on Saturday damaged a building but hurt no one, police and the US Embassy said (AP reports).

Nuclear power debates Bavaria warns off Vienna politician

From Our Correspondent, Vienna

Herr Norbert Steger, the Austrian Vice-Chancellor, called off a planned visit to an anti-nuclear demonstration at Wackersdorf in Bavaria at the weekend after the German *Land* said that it would be an "unfriendly act".

Instead he sent his deputy, Herr Walter Grabner-Mayer, to represent him after having allegedly received a warning from the Bavarian Ministry of the Interior that he would not be allowed across the border.

This was denied by a Bavarian ministry spokesman who did admit, however, that Herr Steger's presence would be considered unfriendly.

At the end of June scores of Austrian anti-nuclear demonstrators on their way to Wackersdorf were turned back by Bavarian police.

The sharp exchanges between Austria and Bavaria over Munich's decision to go ahead with the power station, just a few miles from the Austrian frontier, has not involved only Herr Steger.

Herr Franz Josef Strauss, the Bavarian leader, wrote an angry seven-page letter in reply to a plea from President Waldheim of Austria not to go ahead with the project. In it he accused Austrian politicians of making political capital out of Wackersdorf.

He asked Dr Waldheim why Austrians were making such a fuss about Wackersdorf but were more than happy to see the Czechoslovaks pushing ahead with their nuclear programme just across Austria's northern frontier.

To ease the tension, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, West German Foreign Minister, at the weekend took advantage of the Salzburg festival to hold informal talks with Herr Peter Jankowitsch, his Austrian counterpart.

Born is anxious to avoid any souring of West German-Austrian relations over Wackersdorf. Regardless of the hostility felt by Austrian Greens towards West Germany, Chancellor Kohl went ahead with his planned holiday on the Wolfgangsee in the Austrian lakes.

● **BULGLENFELD:** Some 40 people were arrested and hundreds of crude weapons confiscated during two days of an anti-nuclear rock festival attended by 80,000 people in Bavaria (AP reports).

About 6,000 police were on duty to keep order and to check automobiles headed for the festival at Wackersdorf, which was organized to raise funds for the environmentalist coalition trying to stop construction of a waste-recycling plant there.

Police reported that up to yesterday afternoon there had been no serious incidents.

They said that most of those arrested were either carrying Molotov cocktails, knives, flare guns, slingshots or steel projectiles. About a dozen people were arrested for drug or alcohol offences.

'Hot-hearted' Albanians hunger for a republic

In the first of two articles, Richard Bassett reports from Kosovo, where five years ago thousands of ethnic Albanians rioted on the tensions between Serbs and Albanians in Yugoslavia's troubled southern province.

Eight o'clock in the Serzads ice-cream parlour in Pec, a few miles east of the Albanian frontier. Lurid views of Lake Garda, smiling photographs of Marshal Tito. Like most ice cream establishments in Yugoslavia, the owners are Albanians.

Two Serbian conscripts enjoying their third meringue *bomba* exchange what sounds like a harmless, if fruity, joke about the sexual proclivities of *Serzads* (Albanian) women. In less than a few seconds, the smiling faces behind the counter are filled with hatred.

"Get out," the owner cries emotionally, whisking an ice cream cone out of another Serb's hand. The Serb's bewildered changes quickly to anger, and a flood of purple invective referring to various parts of the Albanians' anatomy raises the temperature to the point of ignition.

Three monumental pyramids of cornets between the antagonists seem destined for oblivion, when suddenly an antique radio near one of the Tito portraits starts playing the unmistakable oriental strains of Radio Tirana.

As if hypnotized by a snake charmer, Albanian tempers cool and the Serbs stride out proudly, pausing only to slap a couple of ragged dinar notes on to the counter.

Such events, though picturesque rather than violent, illustrate how high emotions run in Kosovo, where some 2.8 million ethnic Albanians exist uneasily alongside a few hundred thousand Serbs.

The Albanians, the last Balkan nation to emerge from the oppression of centuries of Turkish rule, have remained in many respects more backward than the Serbs or the Bulgars.

These in Yugoslavia, although enjoying a higher standard of living than their kinsmen in Albania itself, still follow a clannish existence,

Tensions in Kosovo Part 1

medieval in its respect for blood ties and the vendetta. "Blood is blood" and "Blessed is he who avenges his honour" are phrases uttered with complete sincerity by the Albanians.

As well as being distinguished by these traditions, the Albanians, unlike the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes who make up the larger part of Yugoslavia, are racially different in not being Slavs. There is thus neither racial nor linguistic link to bind them to Belgrade, the capital.

In theory, under Yugoslavia's carefully developed system of federalism, the Albanians in Kosovo enjoy limited self-rule as one of two autonomous provinces.

But a disproportionately high number of Serbs occupy administrative posts in the province, and above all the Albanians here do not enjoy the status of belonging to a republic.

"Autonomous province is nothing, we must belong to a republic" is a theme any visitor is likely to hear from every Albanian to whom he speaks.

Rioting in 1981, sparked by Albanian students complaining about the standard of food

served in the university canteen at Pristina, the provincial capital, brought demands for republican status violently to a head.

The Albanian argument is persuasive. Why should they not enjoy the same status as Slovenia in the north, with its marginally smaller population?

With the shutters pulled down, Albanians in one of their restaurants are eager to show that they are not by nature a violent people, only "hot-hearted" (*toplo srce*).

Belgrade and the Serbs, they say, refuse to allow Kosovo republican status because Belgrade needs its minerals, which they insist include gold. Even educated Albanians fluent in three or more languages and accustomed to intellectual debate believe this to be the case.

Those arrested after the 1981 riots are now being freed, their experience has not made their view of Belgrade's point of view that Kosovo, with its racial mix and long history of Serbian heroism against the Turks in the Middle Ages, cannot become a republic.

The force of the Serbs' arguments is emotional and sentimental rather than rational, and it is hard for anyone who has spent time in the province to escape the conclusion that Belgrade is riding a tiger if it continues to ignore the wishes of the majority of the province's inhabitants.

Tomorrow: The Serbs react

Brazil and Argentina close to tie

From A Correspondent Buenos Aires

When President Sarney of Brazil arrives in Argentina today, the two nations will put the finishing touches to what is being hailed on both sides as an historic agreement to begin economic integration.

President Alfonsín of Argentina said at the weekend: "We should end forever the competition between Brazil and Argentina" given that the conditions to grow "in a joint way have been achieved".

The accord to be signed tomorrow, the General Agreement on Integration and Development, is said to include 11 protocols which specify areas in which trade is to be increased and complemented or started.

President Sanguinetti of Uruguay will also attend, but Uruguay's projected entry into what enthusiasts call a "mini-Common Market" has yet to be discussed in detail.

The main objective is to expand and balance trade between Argentina and Brazil, which has declined and for the past five years has been in deficit for Argentina.

Specific areas included in the protocols are: capital goods, trade in primary products (wheat and iron ore), communications, gas, transport, petroleum and petroleum products, aircraft construction and perhaps nuclear energy.

The possibility of increasing Brazilian access to the historically-protected market in Argentina has caused concern among Argentine businessmen who pointed to gaps in subsidies and export sector.

Argentine private sector resistance led Señor Juan Sourrouille, the Economics Minister, last week to meet leaders of the Argentine Industrial Union, the principal business organisation. He said "there will not be anything to surprise national industry in an unfavourable way".

The agreement, according to Argentine authorities, takes into account the imbalance between the two economies.

Peru changes pave way for new start

From A Correspondent, Lima

A year after being sworn into office, President Garcia of Peru is expected to announce fresh initiatives today to relaunch the Government on its announced effort to bring about sweeping changes.

He restructured his Cabinet, making four changes, at the weekend. Dr Carlos Blanco, a member of the Christian Democrat Party allied with Señor Garcia's own American Popular Revolutionary Alliance

the left-leaning Government's political success has hinged on regaining control of the economy and raising prospects for growth. Monthly inflation has been cut to a third of its rate of 12 months ago by imposing price controls and freezing the exchange rate.

It has increased local consumer demand by allowing modest wage increases and reallocating fiscal spending for the underprivileged in shantytowns and the countryside. Manufacturing output of consumer items has been increased by 10 per cent this year.

The Government has made the chance to realign its domestic economic policy by unilaterally postponing debt payments. A year ago, Señor Garcia announced that Peru would not spend more than 10 per cent of export earnings to service its \$US14 billion (\$9.5 billion) foreign debt.

Miss Carol Wise, an American economist, described it as "a brilliant populist programme which could blow up in their faces".

Señor Garcia has also ordered offensives against cocaine traffickers in the Amazon, dismissed more than 1,800 top-ranking but ineffectual police officers, and tried to reduce the cumbersome state bureaucracy.

But he has yet to succeed against the Shining Path guerrillas, whose efforts to overthrow the Government have cost 8,000 lives in six years.

The new Cabinet: Premier and Finance Minister Luis Alva Castro, Ministry of the Presidency Nicanor Mujica, Justice Carlos Blanco, Agriculture Remigio Morales Bermúdez, Industry Manuel Romero, Housing Luis Bedoya Velez, Transport and Communications José Murillo, Energy and Mines Wilfredo Huallita, Planning Javier Tanaleán, Education Grover Pango, Health David Tejada, Interior Abel Salinas, Fisheries Javier Labarte, Labour Orestes Rodríguez, Foreign Affairs Alan Wagner, War General Jorge Flores, Aeronautics General José Guerra, Navy Admiral William Ham.

Opinion polls show that Señor Garcia, aged 37, still has strong political backing. A leading independent polling agency, Datum, gives him a 76 per cent approval rating.

Señor Garcia has broken the moulds of traditional Peruvian politics, to the irritation of the opposition parties, of Apra's own senior leaders and of international financiers. Swept into office with more than half the valid votes cast in a general election in April 1985, he has broadened his appeal with forceful public speaking and populist, nationalistic policies.

President Garcia: pressing home fresh initiatives

Anti-US party launched at Karachi rally

From Hasan Akhtar Islamabad

An anti-American and pro-Kabul party was formed by hardliners of four left-wing Pakistani political parties at a convention in Karachi on Saturday with the avowed objective of rooting out "all vestiges of imperialist domination in the country".

Mr Abdul Wali Khan, a former leader of the parliamentary opposition in the National Assembly, was elected president of the newly founded Awami National Party (People's National Party).

Among its other leaders are Mr Fazil Rahu, Mr Wali Khan, Mr Rasool Bax Palajo and Sardar Shaukat Ali, who merged their individual parties to launch the left-wing grouping. Some observers consider it a covert attempt to reflag the Communist Party, which has been banned.

Mr Wali Khan, addressing the Karachi convention, said that the main thrust of progressive forces in Pakistan should be to attack the imperialist power head-on.

Norway to set foreign quota in cod dispute

From Tony Samstag Oslo

Amid threats of a new "cod war", the Norwegian Government will today take the unprecedented step of declaring a quota on foreign fishing vessels off Spitsbergen and adjacent Arctic islands.

The move follows failure by the EEC this month to produce a formula to regulate catches within the fishery protection zone around the cod-rich Svalbard archipelago.

Almost 40 foreign trawlers are active there at present.

British trawlers are part of the foreign fleet, which also includes vessels from Portugal, East Germany and Greenland.

Newsprinters here are already drawing comparisons with the cod war between Britain and Iceland in the early 1970s.

According to Mr Trond Paulsen, director general of the ministry, the EEC fleet's catch is already approaching 15,000 tons, which would violate agreements between the Community and Norway.

Craxi prepares for coalition tussle

From Peter Nichols, Rome

The agreement is fragile, and what is known of his programme suggests that it is designed to last for the rest of this Parliament, and not just the next eight months.

The choice facing Signor Craxi was either to seek agreement for a programme covering only matters of immediate urgency or to revise the whole programme of his outgoing Government.

He chose the latter, basing

his draft on an agreement in April between the five parties, to which he added such material as the 90 government Bills awaiting parliamentary approval when his Government collapsed on June 27 and proposals made in his coalition consultations last week.

The smaller coalition parties are largely eager for a quick agreement, arguing that the country needs a government urgently.

Some 100,000 people, including thousands of schoolchildren encouraged by their teachers, have signed a petition asking for the plant to be built further from Hong Kong, which could not evacuate its six million inhabitants if an accident split radiation into the atmosphere.

Politicians arrested at Seoul protest

Seoul (AP) - Two opposition politicians were among dozens of dissidents taken into custody yesterday outside the Anglican Cathedral where they had gathered for a prayer meeting to protest against the alleged sexual abuse of a dissident woman by a police investigator.

Opposition sources said that Mr Park Chang Jong Park Sil, a national assemblyman, and Mr Kim Tae Riong, a member of the New Korea

Democratic Party, were later released along with 19 others.

When the protesters arrived at the cathedral to find it blocked off, they sat down and heard an impromptu address on the alleged abuse of Miss Kwon In Sook, aged 23.

Earlier, the Government confined Mr Kim Dae Jung, a leading dissident, to a hotel room to bar him from attending the meeting.

The Korea Overseas Information Service, a government

agency, said that the Government banned the meeting because it was outside the regular services and because "non-Christian political activists" were expected to attend.

The Government called Miss Kwon's charges exaggerated, but confirmed that she was twice beaten on the breasts after having been forced to undress during an interrogation after a demonstration.

Sweden's spying fears switch to the skies

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

Swedish police yesterday accused four Czechoslovaks of having spied on military installations from the air.

They said that the Czechoslovaks, two of whom hold Swedish citizenship, filmed a military area near the town of Norrtälje, north of Stockholm, at the weekend from a single-engine aircraft hired from a Stockholm airport.

The incident is the latest in a long series involving allegations of espionage against East

Ershad to face presidential poll challenge

Dhaka - Sheikh Hasina Wazed, Bangladesh's main opposition leader, has announced that she will face President Ershad, the military ruler, in a presidential election scheduled to take place before October 15 (Ahmed Fazi writes).

Sheikh Hasina, aged 39, daughter and political heir of the country's founder president, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, said yesterday that she would not allow General Ershad to go unchallenged.

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SPECTRUM

The voice as big as Wembley

Next week, the finest tenor in the world will be appearing in London - we hope. Luciano Pavarotti has been known to change his mind



Funny, yet sad: Pavarotti danced around the trees, in a desperate attempt to prevent a full-length shot which would reveal his bulk

Duelling with the dented Fiats and Alfas, you head south-west out of Modena on the Via Giardini. Modena is a prosperous town. Ferraris and Maseratis are manufactured here. So is an unspeakable fizzy red wine called Lambrusco. But its most famous asset can be found, a few weeks in every year, just off the Via Giardini where the town begins to give way to the country.

At that point stand two brick columns. Turning left between these you crunch down a short drive up to a large pair of iron gates. Announcing your name into the grille of the entryphone causes the gates swing slowly open. You fry into a courtyard surrounded by a small complex of buildings. The largest is a villa, its front doors open on this sultry afternoon.

Inside it is cool and dark. A smart, unsmiling woman appears and ushers you into a study. This contains a desk, a table, a piano, a jukebox record deck and shelves of books, records and videos. Coffee and aqua minerale are brought.

There is a pause, and then the tall, goorway is filled by an immense, bearded man wearing a short-sleeved blue check shirt hanging over brown trousers. A huge, soft hand is offered at the end of a forearm of cartoon-like proportions.

If Heaven made a noise then surely it would sound like Luciano Pavarotti, the greatest singer in the world. For where other tenors may sing dramatically or with technical brilliance, Pavarotti's voice simply pounds as if it were coming from another, better world.

But this gift to make even the best jaded spine shiver has inevitably produced a tension between the Man and Pav the Voice. Liar incidents litter his professional career.

In 1981 he issued a writ against Trans-World Airlines claiming 1 million damages for "acoustic trauma" after the plane carrying

him broke in half on the Milan runway. Later he claimed that the incident snapped him out of a long, depressed period. In 1983 he cancelled five performances at Covent Garden at desperately short notice - and then appeared in Melbourne, accompanied by his secretary, Madelyn Renee, whom he promptly thrust on stage to sing Mimmi in La Bohème.

He sits behind the desk and starts by talking of his recent tour of China. "It was really the greatest experience of my life. No doubt." His English is good but heavily accented. "It was not just the musical recognition they gave me, it was seeing this country which was just like Italy 35 years ago. Everybody riding bicycles, a lot of building going on, people playing cards in the street, all trying to be better but happy to be alive."

The phrase "happy to be alive" and his memories of Italy in the years before, during and after the Second World War are central to Pavarotti's view of himself. He was born in Modena in 1935 into a huge, extended family of something like 100 people. "My mother was fantastic, my father was fantastic, my aunts were fantastic. We

always lived on this side of the city, next to the country. And I was free as a bird, in and out whenever I felt like it."

His father was a baker who had never had the courage to pursue a singing career - though he does now. He was on stage with his son in China, singing in the chorus.

The childhood idyll was ended abruptly by the war. "I know the reason I enjoy things now is because I am a son of the war in a country like this. I am a survivor, and when you survive and you have seen the dead, face to face, that you will never forget. You want always to look to see if there is some sun. And there is, always."

He becomes even more serious, leaning forward to focus his mind on what he is saying. "All my friends of my generation, when we meet each other, we are the most hilarious people in the world. We are not looking for trouble."

At first he was going to be a footballer, but when he was 15, he became aware that he had a real singing voice. Nevertheless, he bided his time. At 20 he became a schoolteacher, failed miserably to discipline the children, and went to sell insurance. "I was very good."

At 25 he became a professional singer and married Adua, whom he had met eight years earlier. "I don't know why it took so long. Ask her. We loved each other. Well, I'm sure for myself, but with her you never know."

His professional career took off just when it became possible for opera singers to become famous as never before. "Now an opera can be seen and heard around the world by 300 or 400 million people. In the old days, singers sang for maybe 2,000 people at a time."

But in one sense the life is the same. You still have to become popular on your own. You still have to build yourself step by step. It takes 25 years, and you have to enjoy it. I enjoy communication with people - I'm enjoying being here with you."

Pavarotti is constantly aware that simply having a great voice is not enough. It needs to be nurtured, protected and used intelligently. "I have known so many colleagues with a beautiful instrument that they just throw away."

Every tenor after 50 is living on borrowed time - no one knows when the voice will lose its world-class quality. Playing huge venues like the Wembley Arena - where Pavarotti will be appearing, backed by the London Philharmonic Orchestra, next Wednesday - is the most profitable use of his time.

He makes no distinction between his natural vocal gift and his ability to look after it. They are both, for him, God-given. "If you are a believer, you know they are all qualities that God gives you, even the intelligence to use the gift. No, I do not go to Mass. I am not that kind of believer. I believe God is here in this glass, in you."

He is also a believer in Pavarotti. Although he will never actually say he is the best in the world, asking him about Placido Domingo produces the kind of put-down that suggests he is in no real doubt: "He has improved enormously in the past 10 years."

But above all he knows that he is a prisoner of his gift and his art. Not only must his life revolve around his throat, but he is obliged always to be an interpreter of another's work. He points out that an actor can slow things down as

much as he likes, but a singer has no such freedom. He is further imprisoned by the life he is obliged to lead. The days are long gone when a great singer could attach himself to one theatre for months on end. Instead the whole business of promotion, travel, rehearsal and performance sends him on constant global expeditions, the details of which he recalls with startling precision.

"Peking to Bombay six hours and 50 minutes, Bombay to Zurich eight hours and 40 minutes. First part I saw a movie, ate a bit, listened to a couple of records and slept maybe one hour. Second part I slept most of the way..." He emphasizes that he is a resident of Monte Carlo, presumably for tax reasons.

And then there is the question of his weight. He is, at a guess, well over 20 stone and he moves with some difficulty. "I would like to be less than I am and I probably will be. I once lost 37 kilos in nine months - that's 80 pounds - and I felt fantastic."

At this point an unreal afternoon took off into the fantastic. We went out into the garden, to take the photographs. Pavarotti hid behind a car, danced around the trees, shouted "Enough!" several times and emitted several high-pitched squawks, all in a desperate attempt to prevent a full-length shot which would reveal his bulk.

One of Pavarotti's three daughters, a beautiful girl in a white dress, leaned out of a window but refused to be photographed. The dance between the trees continued. Pavarotti became angry yet sensed that he was looking foolish.

It was funny yet immensely sad: the flabby physical reality of the body had let down the ethereality of the music, leaving Pavarotti the man embarrassed and self-conscious in the middle. But, as he said of his mother, you cannot have everything. For years, she refused to hear him sing professionally, fearing the emotion of the occasion would cause her already weak heart to fail. But, finally, in April she saw him sing Bohème in Modena - and survived, to continue living with the other 20-odd members of the family on the Via Giardini.

"Who knows why she finally came?" the singer muses. "I suppose she probably thought, 'Well, if I die, I die well.'"

Bryan Appleyard
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Face-lift for our history's guards

Designer uniforms, personnel training, Heritage staff are being tailored to create a new image

Custodians of our historic ruins are coming out of their lonely-ticket kiosks. Nearly 150 men and women, whose blue prison-warden style uniform and official demeanour hark back to the drab era of the Ministry of Works (when they were synonymous with roofless stone relics), are being given a face-lift.

Last month they donned outfits commissioned from Hardy Amies: in greenish hues and with English Heritage logos. Some £20,000 was invested in the new country colours, including smart gaberdrine raincoats.

In addition, the custodians have been given middle-management customer services training. Allyson Rose Clark, whose experience has been in training airline staff to deal with passengers, was appointed last October to pioneer the transformation. She discovered that the custodians are fascinating but under-used.

At Grime's Graves, Norfolk, is a flint expert who gives radio talks on the



subject; at Corbridge Roman Site, the custodian writes historically inspired verses; at Sherborne Old Castle, the man in charge works in his spare time as a historian. Custodians also come from contrasting backgrounds: from coal-mining, and from tea planting in Sri Lanka, while an ex-traveller in ladies' underwear is now at Avebury Stone Circles and a Falklands campaigner lives where he works, at Thornton Abbey.

For the first time this motley crew has been seen as a rich resource, and what they like and dislike about their job has been noted. People inevitably feel frustrated when they are stuck in isolated frozen wastes in all weathers; Mount Grace Priory, seven miles from Northampton, for example, has a medieval historian as custodian but is little visited. Few custodians, however, have the geographical problems of Vivian Cox, who walks half a mile over shingle beach to reach Hurst Castle ("best approached by ferry from Keyhaven", says the guidebook).

A less predictable frustration turned out to be animals. There's pigeon mucking-out at Rochester Castle, and donkeys have to be stabled at Castlesteads, Castle, Isle of Wight; then there are peck-chinabans who peck on priceless carpets.

"I think of the custodians as barons on the Northern Marches, powerful yet distant from London." If they look military, that is because of their posture. We discuss instead how to use effective smiles and eye contact. We've had two custodians from Stonehenge on a course so far - probably one of the most difficult sites to me. Stonehenge is the equivalent of a 7-47, packed and demanding, with an inadequate shop, and always in the news." It's certainly a far cry from Mortimer's Cross Water Mill (north-east of Leominster) with a mere 438 visitors in 1985.

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Portrait of a serial killer

The multiple killer is on the increase. Although Britain has a long and notorious tradition of mass murdering - Jack the Ripper, though the most famous, was neither the first nor the most homicidal of the phenomenon used to be uncommon.

Now, in the past few years, we have had Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper, and Denis Nilsen, killer of 15 youths. A man is now awaiting trial on charges of killing a number of down-and-outs, and the police are looking for the Stockwell Strangler and for the man who killed Anne Lock and two other women.

There is no simple reason for the apparent rise in serial slaying. Abnormal killings as a proportion of all murders have not risen. The great majority of murders are still of people known to the killer, usually in domestic circumstances, or in the course of a crime such as robbery. What appears to have increased is the frequency of the apparently motiveless mass killing of strangers, one by one.

"We don't really know why this is happening", Professor John Gunn of the Institute of Psychiatry, a leading forensic psychiatrist, admits.

The problem for the police is that mass murderers differ greatly in their motivations and personalities. There is no such thing as the typical multiple killer. So any attempt to draw up a psychological or psychiatric profile of killers like the Stockwell Strangler is likely to be as unsuccessful in helping the police catch him as most photo-fit pictures have proved to be.

"Apart from the fact that they are all suffering from some form of mental disturbance, there is unfortunately no common thread", Professor Gunn explains. "Take Sutcliffe and Nilsen, for example. In most respects the two men couldn't have been more different. And those two are equally different, from, say, the Boston Strangler, who killed and sexually abused 13 women during the 1960s, the Son of Sam, who killed courting couples in parked cars in New York, or Jack the Ripper.

The sexual element in multiple murders also differs from killer to killer. Some have excessive sexual drive, like the Boston Strangler. But the killings by the homosexual Nilsen were not primarily sexually motivated, and nor were Sutcliffe's, though he killed women he believed to be prostitutes. The bizarre combination in the Stockwell Strangler's case of old people and sexual assault - on both sexes, though not on all his victims - is different again.

Dr Edmund Harvey-Smith, As police hunt the Stockwell Strangler, who has slaughtered eight old people, Marcel Berlins asks experts for a motive behind the murders

criminal can say "I'm not as insignificant and small as everyone thinks. I'm big and I'm notorious. I'm able to commit these crimes and people are afraid of me". Giving him the honour of a title, like the Stockwell Strangler, can, to that extent, feed his murderous inclinations.

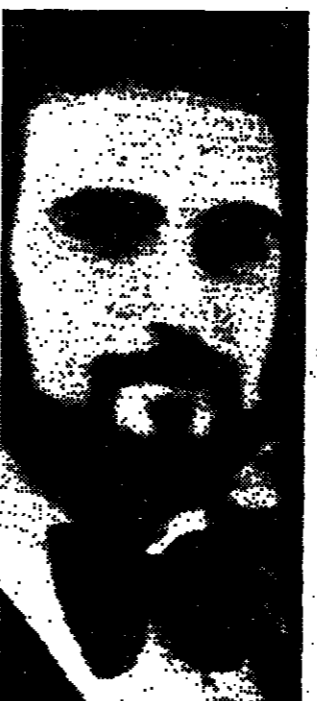
How important a factor that might be depends on the killer's psychiatric profile. The annals of mass killing are full of examples of murderers for whom the publicity is an important element. In America "I wanted to be famous" and "I wanted to be on TV" are often cited as reasons for spectacular killings. The frequent accompaniment is a goading of the police while the crimes are still being committed (Jack the Ripper wrote glowing notes to the police) coupled, psychiatrists say, with an eventual desire to be caught.

Is the same man necessarily responsible for all the murders attributed to the Strangler? Probably. There is a well-established copycat element in some categories of offending, often encouraged by media publicity or even possibly a television programme featuring a particular type of crime. But copying of abnormal murders is infrequent. "It is inherently unlikely that someone reading about these killings will suddenly say, 'That's a good idea. I'll go out and kill some old pensioners'", says Professor Gunn.

When copycat murders do occur, the police are usually able immediately to distinguish the copy from the original. The faker has to base his modus operandi on media reports. He will rarely be in possession of enough relevant facts about the original crime to carry out a perfect duplication.

This, Dr Harvey-Smith stresses, is only one possible theory. Another might be that the killer has a grudge against old people because of something that has happened to him, perhaps his mother died after a lot of suffering and as a result he feels sorry for old people. If he is a schizophrenic, he may genuinely believe that he is putting his victims out of their misery, just as Peter Sutcliffe believed he was doing the world a favour by bumping off prostitutes.

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Wish you weren't here

Shared holidays can be more of a strain than a break, so couples are increasingly going away separately. Sally Brompton met three

Anne Kavanagh is always intrigued to see her husband John's holiday snaps, which are mainly of battlefields and castles across the world. He in turn gives her a grand welcome when she arrives home laden with fresh trout and salmon from her fishing trips around the British Isles.

After more than 20 years of family holidays, the Kavanaghs have come to terms with the fact that they enjoy entirely different kinds of leisure activities. While 65-year-old John is interested in history, industrial archaeology and travelling, Anne is a keen fly fisher who likes nothing more than whiling away her days and nights on the banks of river and loch.

In refusing to compromise their individual pleasures, the Kavanaghs are representative of a growing number of happily married couples who agree to go their separate ways when it comes to holidays.

"I can't think of anything worse than just following my husband

spinal operations, and searched for an open-air alternative. She became hooked on fishing.

It is an acquired skill of which her husband is touchingly proud. "Anne got her first salmon, a 12-pounder, last year in Scotland. We threw a big family party to eat it."

He and his wife still travel together on major expeditions to places like Australia, the Caribbean and the Far East although Anne dislikes flying and finds long bus journeys uncomfortable. "The advantage of going away separately is that we have so much to talk about when we get back together," says John. "I don't really miss her when I'm out on my travels because I know it's not what she wants to do. I can travel on very little food and sustenance but she likes to stop every so often for coffee. I can think of better ways to spend my time away than drinking coffee."

"I find that when I'm away I lead a full and interesting life, and I'd like my wife to be there to enjoy what appeals to me. But I know she wouldn't enjoy tramping three or four miles across open country to see an old battlefield."

When Anne did a week's fishing course last year at a game angling centre in Devon, he joined her for a day and then spent the rest of the week driving around Devon and Cornwall visiting regional museums and old castles.

Left alone in their large Victorian house at the foot of the Pennines in the village of Duffield, Derbyshire, John looks after himself sustained by a freezer full of one-person meals which Anne prepares. "I like to keep the house tidy," he says. "I wouldn't dream of leaving the bedroom untidy. When Anne comes home there is nothing out of place and it doesn't look as she has been away."

Says Anne: "I love John going off around the world because it is what



he wants to do, and I don't want to do it. I think it's great that we can be so happy for each other.

"We're both so interested in what we're doing. We can live without each other for a few days and I think it makes for a great relationship when we meet up again. I don't worry about him at all because I know all he's interested in is what he's going to see. Well, I don't think it worries me..."

She has never encountered any problems when it comes to being a woman alone in the male-dominated world of fishing. "The men love to tell me what to do and help me and give me their favourite flies." And when she gets home again, she can always tell John about the fish which got away — "although I don't think he always believes me", she admits.



Separate labels: John and Anne Kavanagh pack to go their different ways, he to a barn dance in Alabama, she in search of salmon

"So much to talk about when we meet again"

around all day long, doing something that I wasn't enjoying," says Anne, while John admits: "Standing by a river for eight hours at a time is not my idea of fun."

It is only since John retired from his bank manager's job five years ago and their two children, now aged 26 and 23, chose to holiday independently that the Kavanaghs have been able to indulge their individual whims. John has travelled widely on exchange trips to America with a local club and on his own to sites of military and archaeological interest. Anne, a former nurse, was forced to give up tennis and badminton after two

Jealousy doesn't bother Jack Waddell when his wife Kay, a 46-year-old senior enrolled nurse, goes on holiday without him. "She's quite able to look after herself", he says philosophically, "and what the eye doesn't see..."

While Kay goes to holiday resorts like Corfu and Crete with a group of girlfriends, Jack stays behind in south-west London with their 18-year-old son Paul.

"I'm a competent cook," says Jack, a 47-year-old British Telecom engineer. "I buy a roast and I can make stew and Scottish soup like my mum used to make. Paul and I use one plate, one cup, one spoon, one fork and one knife

"It makes you more tolerant of one another"

each. And we wash them up as we go along. As far as the housework is concerned, we have a big round-up on the day before Kay gets back and make the beds and do the vacuuming. I don't miss Kay when she goes off on her own, but I do check the newspapers when she's away to make sure there's no plane crash."

He has been home to Scotland both on family holidays and by himself and says: "I think I actually preferred being there on my own because I could go out with all my old friends, which meant it was boozier rather than a holiday."



His and hers holidays: Jack and Kay Waddell do their own thing.

He goes on long golf weekends three or four times a year — "just like a prolonged night out with the boys". The trouble with going away together — and they have in the past — is that while Kay loves the sun, Jack hates it.

She and her friends normally book a cheap last-minute package and stay in an apartment. "It's good fun," she says. "We lie around on the beach during the day and drink and go to tavernas and



Taking off: Mark and Sue Alhadeff enjoy the reunions

discos in the evenings. I always send Jack a couple of postcards and bring him back duty-free cigarettes and bread."

"We've been together for a long time, through good times and bad, and it's quite nice to get away for a while. I think it makes you more tolerant of one another. We're not planning any holidays together in the immediate future. Ideally, I'd like to have a holiday together and one apart each year."

For Sue and Mark Alhadeff separate holidays "tend to just happen". Often their work prevents one of them from getting away so the other "just takes off". It is an arrangement which suits them both. "Some people seem to think it is a bit odd," says Sue, a 27-year-old freelance assistant film editor, "but we don't find it at all peculiar."

"Occasionally women tell me that their husband or boyfriend wouldn't let them go away on their own and I find that very odd. I would rebel horribly if Mark said that to me. My reaction would be just to go."

After five years of living together and nine months of marriage, Sue

"I tend to charge around and wear him out"

and Mark holiday both as a pair and apart. Mark, a 32-year-old Rhodesian who renovates houses in south London for a living, goes home to see his family in Zimbabwe without Sue and to stay with an artist friend in the south of France.

Sue recently spent a week on a health farm in Malta — "I just wanted to get away on my own and do what I wanted to do without having to consult anyone else" — and ten 10 days in Greece with a girlfriend, as well as visiting her father in America.

They find that the problem with

Deflections on parenthood

Parental advice was invented so that children could see what idiots their fathers and mothers really were. A fact that I expect Mrs Gillick has pondered over in recent weeks.

There she was, I shouldn't be surprised, warning her daughter about not drinking milk straight from a mangy cow in Greece when what the girl really needed to know was the name of a good sun-screening cream to put on the parts that don't usually see the light of day.

I have made similar blunders with my own daughter. Before she went to India, I checked on about not putting ice-cubes in her bottled mineral water when what I should have been telling her was that since laundering was so reasonable she should take everything she possessed that needed washing and ironing. Instead of which, again following my daff advice, she travelled light and now can't make proper use of the excellent Kashmiri laundry that she writes postcards home about.

As well as being on the wrong tack, what we tell our children is so dishonest. A friend of mine said the other day that any woman contemplating marriage and motherhood should choose a boring man as a husband because they made the best fathers.

This is probably true but we would never tell our daughters that even under torture. What woman in her right mind would opt for a son-in-law who makes Mogadon obsolete? Instead, we allow our little darlings to marry brilliant, amusing advertising executives and just hope that they will not be stuck miserably in Surrey coping with assorted cases of measles while their husbands fly off to Geneva supposedly to attend a design conference.

Parents are the last people to give advice since they have such preconceived ideas about the good life, which usually include academic success and a good, steady job. Thus they will make a sparky but far from intellectual son resist his O-levels year after year instead of letting him go out and make his fortune racing around City firms selling lunchtime sandwiches.

When their daughter wins a top-modelling contract, they murmur worriedly about the need to do a shorthand-typing course. There is bound to be a clash of interest since children always hope for the best and parents always expect the worst.

Parents are so laden with responsibility (did the son throw the freezer mince thoroughly before making the



PENNY PERRICK

sausage for his spaghetti? Did the daughter get her car serviced before driving to Oxford?) that they lack the louché quality necessary for a good advisory service.

The best personal advice consultants are selfish, egocentric idlers, which automatically rules out most fathers and mothers. One of the best handers-down-of-wisdom I have known was an American actress growing old disgracefully in Paris at the time when I was a wide-eyed 18-year-old trying to gain a certain gloss by attending the Alliance Française.

She told me always to buy the most expensive clothes I could afford "because they don't need so much ironing". This appeal to my laziness had me saving up for beautifully-cut navy suits, whereas if my mother had droned on about "quality" and "made to last" and "creating a good impression" I would never have moved on from the Oxfam shop.

As a parent one always feels that one is meant to be setting an example and that makes it impossible to pass on to one's children some of the best lessons that experience has taught.

I feel I would lose face if I admitted to my children that drinking spirits undiluted results in less technicoloured hangovers. Or that it is much easier to throw away leftover egg whites than make a meringue.

Or that outrageously bad behaviour never seems to outrage anyone. It is not the sort of thing that they would thank me for anyway since they don't drink, favour nouvelle cuisine and move in circles where a quiet, dignified charm seems to be the fashion. The kind of advice which they might want is probably outside my sphere of knowledge. But complete ignorance about one's children's needs is what parenthood is all about.

A very just dessert

I do hate the nobody-knows-the-trouble-I've-been-to school of entertaining. Not because I don't like cherry tomatoes stuffed with puréed courgettes (they are delicious) or flower arrangements relying heavily on chicken wire and polystyrene bases, or dining-rooms transformed into Arab tents. It's just that when I am invited to such shindigs I get the clammy feeling that comes over the over-awed guest who knows that one day she will be expected to reciprocate in kind.

"Those of us who thrill to the words 'come as you are' or 'I hope Chinese take-away will be all right'" are always delighted to hear about grandiose efforts to impress that went wrong. So it is with great happiness that I can report that in 1905, at the coming-out party for the American debutante Mary Astor Paul, 10,000 butterflies were imported from Brazil to be released in pretty showers on the stroke of midnight.

Unfortunately, the heat killed them and the guests were showered with dead insects. Just remember that the next time you fly into a panic because your chilled sorrel soup looks like a bowlful of dung.

One man's meat may be everyone's poison

If we are what we eat, then the flesh-consumers should beware: their food may not be all it seems. Denise Winn reports on a new vegetarian challenge

Meat is a hazardous product and should have a government health warning on it, proclaims the former first Chief Executive of the Vegetarian Society, Peter Cox. He is getting into fighting form for a



hoping-for showdown with the Meat and Livestock Commission tomorrow morning at a press conference to launch his new book, *Why You Don't Need Meat*.

The book examines the well established connection between those diets which are high in saturated animal fats and certain kinds of cancer and coronary heart disease. Cox hammers the message home by reciting the research in vivid terms: "Did you know that eating pork more than once a week is associated with a doubling of the risk of breast cancer?"

He also claims that it is also the greed (or desperation) of the meat producers, and the laxity at ministerial level in enforcing the law, that is making nonsense of the counter-claim that meat is a healthy and natural food.

Peter Cox says that our much-quoted "carnivorous" ancestors ate only a fraction of their diet in the form of meat, whereas an average household now consumes 10lb a week. "In our agricultural base 10,000 years ago", he says, "plant food comprised 90 per cent of our diet. Meat contains no nutrients that can't easily be obtained from a plant source. It was always a luxury food and that is how we should consider it today."

Moreover, "primitive" meat, coming from animals in the wild, had only a small percentage of fat and even that was five times as high in the polyunsaturated variety.

Modern animals are bred to be fat and, to achieve that, meat producers use growth promoters. At the end of last year the EEC banned their use although Britain, which objected, will not enforce the ban until 1989 and has meanwhile applied for an amendment of the EEC directive. But there is, according to Mr Cox, already a black market in the use of DES (diethylstilboestrol), a growth hormone which was banned in 1979 after conclusive evidence that it is carcinogenic in humans.

"The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food keeps detecting residues", he says. "Every year there are one or two prosecutions and just recently there were two more cases. Yet they test only 300 carcasses a year for DES when the industry kills and processes 1,400,000 animals every day. On a ratio basis, that means 10,000 of the animals every day could have residues."

Cox also makes a powerful case that cancers caused by a virus can be transmitted from one species to another. Chickens, cows and turkeys are prone to suffer leucosis, a form of cancer caused by a virus which can lead to leukaemia. Farmers, butchers and vets, who are in close contact with food-producing animals, have a higher than normal risk of dying from leukaemia. But it is also possible, he believes, that ordinary consumers may be eating cancerous meat.

A meat inspector on a poultry line has three to five seconds to examine each bird and judge whether it is healthy. "And it isn't much better for red meat", he adds. According to one vet involved in meat inspection, if a tumour is found it is cut out but the rest of the carcass is passed.

"And you only have to talk to any vet involved in food inspection to find that it is quite easy for a slaughterhouse to use loopholes in the law to avoid any inspection at all", Cox says.

One vet he did talk to begged to remain anonymous and said: "I hardly eat any meat these days, especially not in restaurants. In my opinion, it is not a wholesome product any more, at least much of it isn't. I don't trust many of the producers or slaughterers I

know. There is no effective means of policing."

Four out of five chickens sold in supermarkets, it is claimed, are contaminated with salmonella and much of the reason for that may be the use of antibiotics mixed into animal feed for growth promotion, to which such organisms become resistant. Any infection in the animal can then be passed on to humans, along with its resistance to antibiotic treatment.

The presence of antibiotic residue in meat and milk can also promote allergies in humans. According to studies unearthed by Cox, anything from a quarter to more than a half of pork contains antibiotic residue and the highest amounts are in offal.

"I find the ministry's lack of concern for the public extremely distressing", he says. There is one rule for home and another for abroad, it seems. Sheep dips containing DDT, a toxin that was banned from insecticides, are compulsory twice a year. DDT derivatives accumulate in the body and when sheep are going for export, the producer must sign a certificate saying that they haven't been dipped in the preceding six weeks. But there is no such requirement for home sales.

If the Meat and Livestock Commission does put in an appearance at the press conference this morning, it will indeed be interesting to hear how they handle all that.

Why You Don't Need Meat by Peter Cox will be published on Thursday by Thorsons at £2.50.

Tomorrow

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Face-lift for our history's guards

Designer uniforms, personnel training, heritage staff are being tailored to create a new image

Custodians of our historic ruins are coming out of their lonely ticket kiosks. Nearly 150 men and women, whose blue prison-warder style uniforms and official demeanor mark back to the drab era of the Ministry of Works (then offices stone relics), are being given a face-lift.

Last month they donned outfits commissioned from Leeds and with English Heritage. Some £20,000 was invested in the new country dress uniforms.

In addition, the custodians have been given middle-management customer services training. Alison Rowe, whose experience has been in training airline staff, is now in training staff to meet the transformation.

Discovered that the custodians are fascinating but over-creaked.

Crime's Graves. Norfolk is a flint expert who radio talks on the

THE TIMES DIARY

Sanctions sanctioned

Only days after the damaging Commons Defence Committee report on Westland, I can reveal that Mrs Thatcher faces embarrassment at the hands of another select committee this Wednesday...

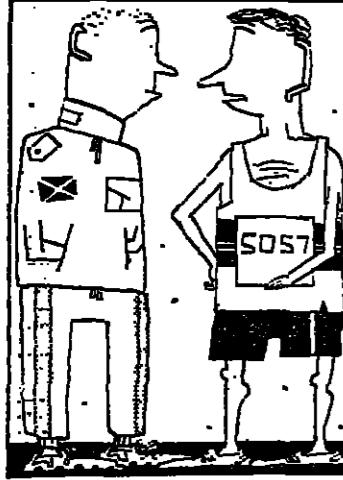
Leon ranger

Meanwhile, as the Westland affair re-dettonated where was Leon Brittan last week? While a beleaguered prime minister was sticking to her guns in the Commons...

Country life

British Rail is taking action to prevent a repeat of the horrific sight that greeted the Queen Mother last month: 200 electrocuted badgers, which had met their end on a newly electrified section...

Barry Fantoni



I'm running in the 1,000 metres and the 4 x 800 boycott

Royalties

Congratulations to Tim Satchell. His Royal Romance paperback, out today, actually comes up with something new about last week's we-all-know-what. It reproduces an autographed exercise book...

Ayes and knees

John Biffen, leader of the House, makes an unusually below-the-belt contribution to history this autumn. Flattered by a request from the Imperial War Museum...

By example

If only managers would give up their long lunches and workers their interminable tea breaks. Britain could be the next Japan. That is the view of Philip B. Crosby, an American management consultant...

Keeping the Queen from crisis

It has been reported that some senior politicians are fearful that if the next general election results in a hung parliament there may be a genuine constitutional crisis...

Geoffrey Marshall suggests how the Crown could steer clear of political controversy

the principle that the Crown should seek to appoint ministers who are most likely to retain the support of a majority in Parliament...

suggested that a panel of eminent persons (perhaps including the Speaker) might exercise the present prerogative powers that regulate the process of governmental transition...

Nevertheless it cannot be denied that there is some uncertainty about what the conventions of the constitution require in relation to the formation of governments...

Is there then any way in which the Crown might be guided in exercising the existing powers? Two expedients may be worth consideration...

Several years ago some MPs

A second possibility is suggested

by recent events in Australia. Last year a constitutional convention "recognized and declared" a number of principles and practices that should be observed as conventions...

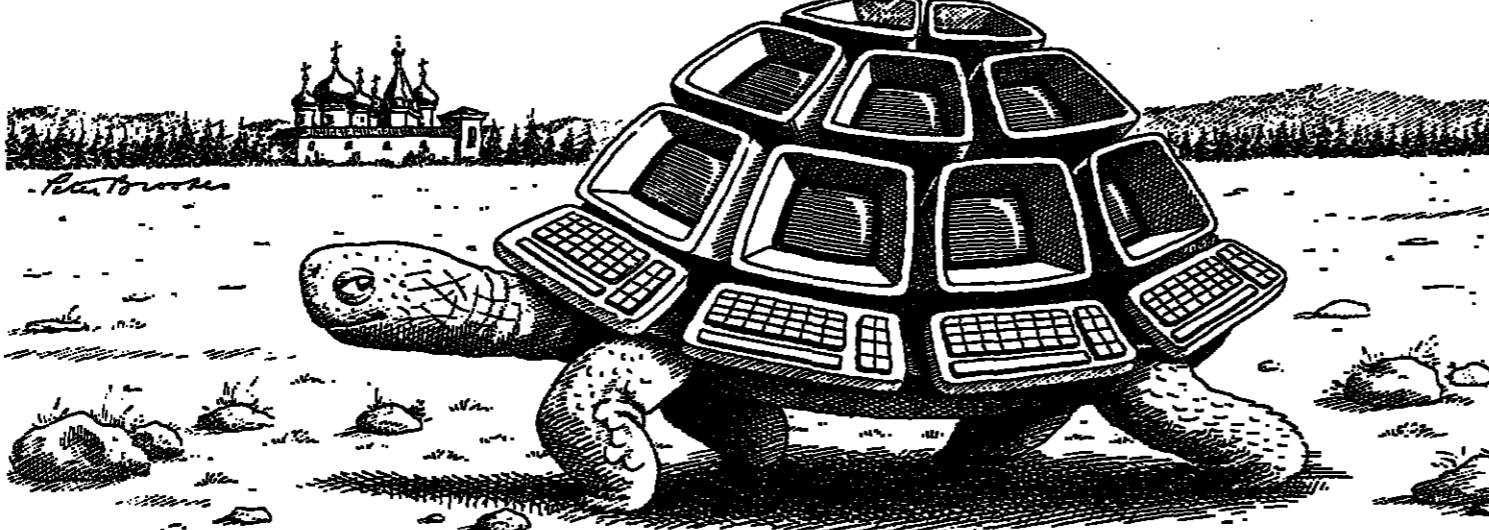
It may be that codification of the rules is appropriate in a written constitution, but inconceivable in Britain. It would certainly raise difficult issues...

Most important, perhaps, what would be the authority of any such agreed declaration of the rules? In what sense would anybody, including the Crown, be bound by them?

It may be that if such a codification were carried out with inter-party agreement, an exploration and declaration of the conventions would have its uses...

The author is a fellow of Queen's College, Oxford

William McHenry assesses what keeps the Kremlin plodding behind



In the advanced Western societies, the spectrum of computer applications is enormous. It runs from manufacturing to office work, across the whole range of military systems...

Why Russian computers aren't byting

advantage of the benefits. In communications, education, consumer goods, and entertainment the East-West gap is a chasm. Administrative initiatives, such as the recent creation of the State Committee for Informatics and Computer Technology...

printers will be provided. Printing may well be limited to where it can be monitored. Computer classrooms will be set up so that teachers can continuously monitor students' work...

functions over to the computer presents a risk for the elite, whose unique influence is based in part on controlling just a bit more information than subordinates do...

Will a construction organization refuse to build the dacha of the first secretary of the local party organization because the computer has allocated the materials to a House of Culture?

Anne Sofer Don't blame the comprehensives

Suddenly, nobody seems to have anything good to say about comprehensive schools. It is not that there was ever universal enthusiasm for them: some passionately supported their introduction...

At the beginning of Mrs Thatcher's rule most of the grammar-school lobby had conceded that the battle was over. Comprehensive schools were here to stay...

But in the past 18 months there has been an unmistakable shift. Opinion polls indicate that a majority thinks the old system produced better results...

On the "why" I think there are two answers. First, the teachers' pay dispute has shaken public confidence in the state system more than anyone likes to acknowledge...

In fact, the popularly held view of what is going on has to some extent parted company with parents' own personal experience: the Audit Commission's recent opinion poll showed that parents, though a large number of them expressed worries...

Parents know that what they see on television is not necessarily what is happening in their own schools. But the media images projected during the dispute...

The author is a member of the SDP national committee

moreover... Miles Kington Everything off at silly mid-on

The directive had come down from head office to all regional police squads. Major unsolved crimes were to be reconstructed immediately by police officers in the appropriate costume...

Inspector Lionel Horner mistruited this sort of idea from head office. In his experience, the only result of getting policemen dressed up like people on their last known expedition before being murdered...

"Got any major unsolved crimes on our books?" he inquired of Sergeant Brink, who knew everything.

"No," said Brink. "Why not?" Horner said. "We've solved them all."

"Well, we've got villains who are already inside to own up to them, or lost the files on them, but it comes to the same thing."

"There's always the Cricket Streaker," Brink said. "You remember, the man who stripped at the County Ground last month, ran across the pitch in front of 10,000 people, and then disappeared?"

"No," Horner said heavily. "I don't remember. Was he protesting against something?"

John Young Agriculture Correspondent

In search of new roles for the land

Any suspicion that farm surpluses have been exaggerated should have been dispelled by a recent report from the Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce...

It can be argued that food is no different from any other commodity. We have been forced to accept that if there are surpluses of steel, or tin, mills must be closed...

whom the conservationist lobby most dislikes. It raises the spectre of depopulation and dereliction in the most scenically cherished and economically vulnerable regions...

flowers and soya have so far been hampered by the British climate. Sir Derek Barber, chairman of the Countryside Commission, has discounted what he calls "romanticism" about new crops...

Last year's harvest was a relatively modest one. Crops in many areas were flattened by heavy rain. Yet by the end of the year stocks of unsold wheat and barley had doubled to nearly six million tonnes...

Nor is it only the landscape that would be jeopardized. The rural economy is still, first and foremost, dependent on agriculture. A threat to farming carries implications for thousands of country towns and villages...

There are obvious attractions in the idea advocated by people such as Sir Richard Body. Conservative MP for Holland with Boston and now chairman of the Commons agriculture committee...

There has been talk of making more land available for sport and recreation, but few practical suggestions. Country sports such as hunting and shooting are in any case already linked closely to farming.

The standard reaction is to blame the EEC common agricultural policy's price-support system and to castigate "greedy" farmers. But that is simplistic. One important reason for surpluses is that technological progress has led to ever higher yields.

By far the most successful to be introduced in recent years is oilseed rape: the harvest in each of the last two years was about 900,000 tonnes. Thanks to an EEC subsidy, rape oil has been widely accepted by food manufacturers...

But beef and dairy surpluses would appear to be containable. The main problem in Britain and almost everywhere else concerns cereals. What are the prospects for alternative crops?

John Norris, president of the Country Landowners' Association, has suggested half-jokingly that redundant farmland might be converted to golf courses. He makes the point that making more land available for recreational use depends both on the readiness of investors and on a less restrictive attitude by planning authorities.

And in any case, if everything could be put into reverse there would be a wider question to face: what would be the effect on the countryside?

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THE ROAD FROM MOROCCO

King Hassan of Morocco seemed yesterday to have become the first casualty of last week's historic meeting in Rabat with Israel's prime minister Shimon Peres. His resignation as chairman and host of Arab summit conferences, following some hostile reaction to his decision to meet Mr Peres, underlines the risk that he was taking. Yesterday's development must weaken his official position as a leader of the moderate Arab world and the next few weeks should determine whether the sacrifice has been worthwhile.

On the face of it, the answer so far must be negative. Hassan cancelled, or postponed, an important visit to Washington to make way in his diary for the party from Jerusalem, and would seem to have got little in return. A 10-point statement by Mr Peres, outlining the Israeli position, ruled out the annexation of Gaza and the West Bank and reaffirmed his Government's willingness to open a dialogue with peace-loving "authentic" representatives of the Palestinian people. But it was still so far away from the concepts developed by the 1982 Arab summit at Fez (on which King Hassan made his stand) that, on Jerusalem's own admission, the possibilities for agreement seemed remote.

What Mr Peres got out of all this was the opportunity to show the world in general and Israeli voters in particular that he remains a man of peace, anxious to break new ground and leave no stone unturned in his pursuit of a settlement. Moreover his visit has split the Arab world again at a time when great efforts were being made to achieve unity.

The Israelis could never have hoped for much. Hassan is a leading figure in the Arab world *ex officio*. But he is too

far removed from the scene of action to wield much political clout. Mr Peres has reaffirmed nonetheless the right of an Israeli head of government to visit an Arab state in the full glare of publicity — without losing any points along the way.

For Mr Peres, it was as much a political initiative as a diplomatic one, whose wisdom was confirmed by yesterday's Cabinet endorsement. For Mr Peres the Rabat trip was not so much a flight of fancy as a shrewd move. Moreover while by no means an end in itself, it could still lead towards one — however tortuous the route.

The man to whom the Israelis want to talk spells his name Husain not Hassan. The last phase of what is euphemistically called the Middle East peace process came grindingly to a halt earlier in the year when it became clear to Husain that Yassir Arafat could not or would not move towards negotiations with Israel — with all that that entailed. The vacuum which was left by Arafat's departure from the scene, remains unfilled — despite the cautious welcome given to the Hassan-Peres meeting by moderates on the West Bank. Without a respectable Palestinian delegation by his side, King Husain who is mindful of the Palestinian majority in his country, could still not commit himself to negotiations with Jerusalem.

But last week's rendezvous in the Moroccan mountain resort of Ifrane, for all the aggression that it encountered among the hard-line states, did confirm the growing acceptability of Israel in the Arab world. Unwelcome though it might have been to some, ten years ago it would have been unthinkable. By sticking his neck out as he did,

King Hassan established a kind of principle and arguably eased the way for what might one day follow.

It has also invested the Middle East tour by Vice-President George Bush with more diplomatic significance than it would otherwise have deserved. "I can't think of any better time to come here," said Mr Bush before driving away from the airport in his 50-vehicle convoy. That was putting it a little too strongly. But he could certainly have chosen many worse occasions. If, as reported, he initiates an arbitration agreement between Israel and Egypt over Tabu during his time in Israel, he will also be lending his name to a treaty which should remove the biggest block to better Egyptian-Israeli relations and pave the way for a Peres-Mubarak summit in the not too distant future.

The big task in front of him will be to try to persuade King Husain, who yesterday ended two days of talks in Damascus, to enter into talks with Israel. While it seems most unlikely that Husain would be in a position to say "yes", the Morocco meeting has at least refocused eyes on the possibilities. Whether Mr Bush will add a Rabat stop-over to his itinerary, remains to be seen.

And as for Hassan? After the reported anger and frustration which marked the opening of last week's meeting (when he discovered how little Peres had to give) and the mixed reaction he had from his fellow Arab leaders, he might reflect that it has pushed him a little more centre-stage in the Middle East. His *de jure* position may have slipped, but his *de facto* importance has grown. He might have missed a trip to Washington, but Washington might now be just about to come to him.

THE TAXMEN GOETH

Relations between politician and tax man are always spiky. The former has to reflect something of the public's fear and suspicion of the latter, yet the tax man and his best efforts at assessment and collection are indispensable if the politician is to have the wherewithal for his projects.

Since 1979 this Government has been torn by two impulses. One, stemming from its rhetorical objections to big Government, has been to criticize both the size and the powers of the Inland Revenue, presenting the tax man as an enemy of business enterprise. But the other, from the depths of Whitehall, has been to spur the tax man to track tax-dodgers and late-payers and produce the revenue. The Government learnt the hard way five years ago, during the Civil Service strike, how much depends on the speed and efficiency with which the Inland Revenue works.

These contradictory impulses have been exemplified in the Government's ambiguous response to the need to update tax law and administration — to cope with new schemes of tax avoidance and the growth of the "black economy". It set Lord Keith of Kinkell to work and he produced a voluminous and impressive report; but implementation of vital sections has been deferred and the state of the law regarding certain of the tax inspector's more controversial powers to investigate and seek documentation of fraud has been left too ambiguous for comfort.

The tension shows even more clearly in the Government's attitude towards the Inland Revenue itself: the 47th report of the Committee of Public Accounts, published at the end of last week, is the latest statement of the problem. The Inland Revenue has been subjected to the same blanket reductions in staffing as other

Whitehall departments; but unlike most other departments Revenue personnel generate income for the state, and certain of the Revenue's highly trained inspectors generate large sums indeed. In addition Revenue staff, like the police, perform a law and order function. Their mere presence — and the knowledge of their operations that the public has — serve to deter non-payment of taxes.

The Government, responding quite rightly to public contempt at those who would defraud the social security system by illegally claiming benefits, has employed considerable numbers of extra Department of Health and Social Security staff. Until recently, however, it applied another standard to the employment of officers to detect and prosecute tax fraud and refused to exempt the Inland Revenue from the general cuts in Civil Service numbers.

Not before time, that policy has been changed. Reduction in Revenue staffing has been halted and there are signs (the MPs note) that the worrying backlog of correspondence and assessments in tax offices is beginning to clear. But there is still much to be done, especially on differential pay for tax inspectors.

Much has been made, not least in the context of the Plowden Committee's recommendations on "top people's pay", of the need to pay senior Civil Servants (along with judges and senior officers) enough to prevent an outflow of talent and to ensure junior officials can look upward in the hierarchy and see, in the future, attractive rewards. The Government has accepted that argument and has itself placed much emphasis on a flexible market for labour in which monetary signals of worth are quickly responded to.

It appears that too many trained tax inspectors have taken the hint and moved

from Somerset House across Temple Bar to high-paying jobs with city accountancy firms, some of them indeed to devise tax avoidance schemes to thwart their former colleagues. Movement between public and private sectors is healthy, but the point has clearly been passed at which the public interest is being harmed, and it is time that inspectors' pay be thoroughly reviewed and, if necessary, uncoupled from the rest of Whitehall.

There is every good reason why specialist civil servants should be paid more than their less skilled colleagues. Whitehall departments differ in their recruitment, their work and possibly also in their calibre. Why their officials, including their Permanent Secretaries, should be paid exactly the same is unclear; it is necessarily de-motivating for an Under-Secretary in, say, the Scottish Office to receive less than a Grade 3 official responsible for the VAT empire?

The Inland Revenue is represented, politically, by Treasury ministers and ultimately the Chancellor. This arrangement tends to mean ministerial voices on behalf of the department are muted. Chancellors are rarely brave enough to speak up for the tax man, and doubtless Mr Lawson would find it hard to marry his pretensions to cutting income tax with advocacy of higher pay and extra numbers for the Inland Revenue. But some such marriage has to be effected or else the tax system starts to fail. And there is a clear cut distinction here. The rate at which taxes are collected is one thing — and the lower the better. But the effectiveness with which those taxes are collected is quite another. The antidote to the black economy is to cut tax rates not to wink at tax evasion by reducing the morale and manpower of the Inland Revenue.

Morris would have reacted to this peculiarly undemocratic Bill. Yours faithfully, MARTIN GENT, Warden, The Village College, Botolph Claydon, Cambridge.

Puzzling plurals
From W.O. (SMIG) Scott P. Sir, Mr Adams's letter (July 22) is correct in espousing military grammatical usage and its logical accuracy. Unfortunately, he was wrong with his example. As one of the serving SMIGs, may I point out that ISG prefer to instruct than to inspect. Yours faithfully, P. SCOTT, Horseshoe Barracks, Shoeburyness, Essex.

Community colleges

From Mr M. Gent
Sir, One of the strengths of the British education system is the extent to which local education authorities have been allowed a degree of autonomy at local level to reflect the differing needs of individual institutions.

In enlightened authorities this has been reflected in the varied composition of governing bodies and much progress has been made in the last few years to encourage all governors to play a much more active role. In many areas of the country where there are community colleges there are elected representatives of the community

associations working alongside parents to the benefit of all users of the college.

The Education Bill that is currently before Parliament will change all this. More parents will be elected but there will be no automatic place for any representative from the community association or, indeed, any other organisation that may have special connections with the college.

It seems strange that a Government that speaks warmly of encouraging decisions to be taken at local community level should deny all users, except parents, the automatic right to a place on the governing body of a community college. I wonder how Henry

The Queen and the Constitution

From the Private Secretary to the Queen
Sir, In the debate about the supposed revelations of the Queen's opinions about Government policies, I take three points to be axiomatic:

1. The Sovereign has the right — indeed a duty — to counsel, encourage and warn her Government. She is thus entitled to have opinions on Government policy and to express them to her chief Minister.

2. Whatever personal opinions the Sovereign may hold or may have expressed to her Government, she is bound to accept and act on the advice of her Ministers.

3. The Sovereign is obliged to treat her communications with the Prime Minister as entirely confidential between the two of them. This was central to the statement issued by the Buckingham Palace Press office on July 19, as soon as the original *Sunday Times* articles appeared.

After 34 years of unvarying adherence to these constitutional principles, it is preposterous to suggest that her Majesty might suddenly depart from them. No sensible person would give a moment's credence to such a proposition.

It is equally preposterous to suggest that any member of the Queen's Household, even supposing that he or she knew what her Majesty's opinions on Government policy might be (and the Press Secretary certainly does not), would reveal them to the Press.

It is the business of the Press Secretary and other members of his office to deal with Press enquiries to the Palace, and in the process to comment on or refuse to comment on propositions put to them by journalists. There is nothing in any way improper about that and there is no secret about it either.

I am assured that, in the several exchanges between the Press Secretary and Mr Simon Freeman before *The Sunday Times* articles were published, the Press Secretary said nothing which could reasonably bear the interpretation put upon it by the writers of the

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BUONAPARTE

The following account is taken from the same source as that of yesterday:

"H.M. Ship Bellerophon, July 23. "On the 16th of this month, a flag of truce arrived from Aix Roads (where there were lying two frigates, two corvettes, and one brig, which were blockading) having on board the noted Savary, Duc de Rovigo; and the Count de Lascazes, Chamberlain to Napoleon; the object of whose mission was to procure leave for Napoleon and his suite to proceed to America in one of the frigates, or in a merchantman, if that could not be refused. This was immediately allowed by Captain Maitland, notwithstanding Savary threw out a hint of the probability of the French squadron coming out and forcing their passage.

... Captain Maitland having been an old cruiser here, was intimately well acquainted with every passage and I never saw a man so indefatigable and so energetic in his exertions, or whose judgment was so correct in the steps which he took with the small force under his command, to prevent the possibility of Napoleon's escape. We were kept constantly cleared and ready for action, night and day, and only the hammocks of the watch allowed below at a time. On the 14th, while at anchor about three miles from the enemy's frigates, we perceived a flag of truce again in the morning, on the Bellerophon. We were the first to see it, and it was sent by Lieut. Gen. Count L'Allemant, Aide-de-camp to Napoleon. After being some hours on board they departed, and then we learned, that probably we should have the satisfaction of receiving the Emperor. In the evening another flag of truce came out, on board of which were De Lascazes, and General Gorgaud, also Aide-de-camp to Napoleon, with two of his pages, and part of his baggage. We now became pretty certain of seeing him. Captain Maitland dispatched the Slaney immediately with this important intelligence, and with General Gorgaud on board, with a letter from Napoleon to the Prince Regent direct to England. The following morning, at day light, we perceived a brig and schooner working out of Aix Roads. The Captain dispatched the boats to them, and in the space of an hour the First Lieutenant Mr. Mott returned with the Emperor, accompanied by the "one great Ruler of Half the World," with Lieut. General Count Bertrand-Savary (the Duc de Rovigo), General Count Moutoulon, and the Countesses Bertrand and Moutoulon. When he came on the quarter deck, he said, in a firm and certainly dignified manner, in French, to Captain Maitland, "I come to claim the protection of your Prince and of our Law." "I observed his person particularly, and can describe him thus: He is about 57 inches in height, very strongly made, and well proportioned; very broad and deep chest; legs and thighs proportioned with great symmetry and strength, a small, round, and handsome foot. His countenance is sallow, and as it were deeply tinged by hot climates; but the most commanding feature is his eyes. His eyes were and are Law, and that you can imagine. His glance you fancy, searches into your inmost thoughts. His hair dark brown, and no appearance of grey. His features are handsome now, and when younger he must have been a very handsome man. He is rather fat, and his body protuberant, but he appears active notwithstanding. His step and demeanour altogether commanding. He looks about 45 or 46 years of age. He is extremely curious, and never passes any thing remarkable in the ship without immediately demanding its use, and inquiring minutely into the manner thereof. He also stops and asks the officers divergent questions relative to the time they have been in the service, what actions, &c.; and he caused all of us to be introduced to him the first day he came on board. He has also asked several questions about the marmes, particularly those who appeared to have been some time in the service, and about the warrant officers, midshipmen, sea-men, &c. He was but a very short time on board when he asked that the boatswain might be sent for...

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COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

The Sultan of Oman and welcomed His Majesty on behalf of Her Majesty... The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief... The Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by the Prince Edward...

Birthdays today

Dame Joyce Bishop, 90; Professor Sir Frederick Crawford, 85; the Earl of Cromer, 68; Professor R.C. Curran, 65; Sir Horace Cutler, 74; Sir Kenneth Durham, 62; Sir Peter Green, 62; Mr R.B. Henderson, 57; Sir Russell Johnston, MP, 54; Lord Murray of Newhaven, 83; Dame Rosemary Murray, 73; Mr Riccardo Muti, 45; Sir Humphrey Myrnes and Sir Roger Mynors, 83; Professor Sir Karl Popper, CH, 84.

Certain regular items on the page, including appointments in the Forces, have been held over to tomorrow

Births, Marriages, Deaths and In Memoriam

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MARRIAGES BENDER & RAYBURN - On 26th July, 1986, at St. Mary's Church, Great Burstead, Essex, Nicholas Peter Bender to Lesley Rayburn. COOMBS & LONDSALE The marriage took place on Saturday June 14th at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Charlton Marshall, Dorset...

DEATHS CASHNADER - On Friday, 25th July 1986, peacefully at her daughter's home in Harpenden, Herts, aged 83 years, of Greenock Row, Vic. Alice Cashnader. FUNERAL SERVICE: Mortlake Crematorium, SW14 on Wednesday, 30th July at 10.30am. BURIAL: Mortlake Church, SW14 on Wednesday, 30th July at 11.30am. CLIVERNO - On July 25th peacefully at her home, 11, Westwood Road, Harpenden, Herts, aged 85 years, of 11, Westwood Road, Harpenden, Herts, aged 85 years, of 11, Westwood Road, Harpenden, Herts, aged 85 years...

MEMORIAL SERVICES EDWARDS - Miss Alison Margaret Edwards, who died on Friday, August 1st, 1985, at 10, Elmwood, London, aged 67 years, will be remembered in a memorial service at St. Peter's Church, Eaton Square, SW1, on Monday, August 4th, at 2.30 pm. IN MEMORIAM - WIFE - Mrs. M. J. Worsley, who died on Friday, July 25th, 1986, at her home, 11, Westwood Road, Harpenden, Herts, aged 85 years, of 11, Westwood Road, Harpenden, Herts, aged 85 years...

MARRIAGES

Mr A.C. Neil and Miss J.M. Bell The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Francis of Assisi, Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire, of Mr Andrew Neil, eldest son of Sir Brian and Lady Nancy Neil, of 48 Ham Street, Richmond, Surrey, and Miss Joanna Bell, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Bell, of 10 The Orchard, Milford-on-Sea. The Rev. Father Thomas J. Dunn officiated.

OBITUARY

MR AVERELL HARRIMAN Key American statesman in war and peace

Mr Averell Harriman, who died on July 26 at the age of 94, was the last survivor among Americans who played a major role in the Second World War. He was used by Franklin D. Roosevelt, whom he had known since childhood, on missions abroad of the greatest importance, which he fulfilled with cool efficiency. Among civilian aides of Roosevelt, only Harry Hopkins had comparable influence in foreign affairs. Harriman attended nearly all the big Allied conferences, including Casablanca, Teheran and Yalta.



Kennedy enlisted in the service of his foreign policy, Harriman could successfully accommodate himself to the methods of the new administration. He served as Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs and then as Under Secretary of State for political affairs, moving into the policy advising role which Kennedy had originally hoped Dean Rusk would fill. It was in this capacity, and because of his long experience of Anglo-American relations, that he led the American delegation to Moscow in July 1953, where, in partnership with Lord Halifax, he brought the partial Test Ban Treaty to signature.

His public career began in 1934 and spanned four Democratic presidencies and 35 years, during which time he served his native state of New York as governor and his country as ambassador, junior minister, cabinet minister and chairman of the American delegation in the opening stages of the Paris peace conference on Vietnam. In domestic politics he was, on the whole, a failure. Elected as Governor of New York in 1954, he failed to win reelection in 1958; and his unsuccessful bid for the Democratic nomination in 1956 was his only major venture into the politics of his party. Yet there are those who cannot forget him in 1954 when he still remembered campaigning style with affection, as, dressed in the kind of scruffy, crumpled seersucker which only the fairly poor or the impossibly rich can wear without affectation, he stumped through the Bronx and the East Side or slouched angular and towering among the farmers of upstate New York.

He was, however, an excellent negotiator and a first-class administrator, and he developed into one of this century's most astute and knowledgeable American diplomats. He was also an unashamed and lifelong Anglophile. William Averell Harriman was born in New York City on November 15, 1891. His father, Edward Henry Harriman, had been one of the boldest, toughest and most successful of the "robber barons", the self-made millionaires of the 1870s and 1880s, a railway magnate whose lines covered most of the United States. His father instilled into Harriman the Puritan ethic that "great wealth requires great responsibilities". But before he was ready to act on this precept, he felt obliged to increase his own wealth, shifting from the Union Pacific Railroad, which he formed on leaving New York in 1913, to build up the largest American-owned and registered merchant fleet, and to found his own investment firm, W. A. Harriman & Co. in 1920.

In 1931, he merged it with the banking firm of Brown Brothers and returned to the railroad business as chairman of the Illinois Central Railroad (1932-1942) and as chairman of Union Pacific. In his youth, Harriman was conspicuously handsome and athletic. In 1928, he was in the American international polo team. Together with a few friends he introduced skiing as a popular recreation to the United States, developing the Sun Valley resort in the Rocky Mountains, and inventing the first ski chair lift. He was first brought into public life by President Roosevelt as a member of the business advisory council of the Department of Commerce in the days of the First New Deal and the National Recovery Administration. But the job was mainly cosmetic. Later he was appointed to the Office of Production Management to prepare American industry for war.

But his first real engagement in public life came in 1940 when he was briefly brought into the Defense Department before being sent to Britain in 1941 as administrator of Britain's share of lend-lease. Roosevelt said: "I want you to go over to London and recommend everything that we can do, short of war, to keep the British Isles afloat". He took part in the Placentia Bay Conference at which the Atlantic Charter was drafted, and in the autumn of 1941 accompanied Lord Beaverbrook to Moscow to arrange for Russia's desperate needs for war material to be met out of lend-lease appropriations (most of them originally destined for Britain). His position in wartime Britain was even more important than that of the US ambassador, John G. Winant, because he appealed more to Churchill and was known to be closer to Roosevelt. On December 7, 1941, he and his daughter, Kathleen, were staying with Churchill at Chequers when the news of Pearl Harbor came through. In October, 1943, he was appointed US ambassador in Moscow. In this capacity he worked closely with his British opposite number, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, later Lord Inverchapel, who judged him intelligent and very likable but a little apt to change his tune in accordance with the prevailing political climate in the United States. In this, Clark Kerr did him a little less than justice. Harriman was one of the earliest leading Americans to sound a warning note about Soviet expansionist ambitions, though, like his British colleagues, he was somewhat beguiled by Stalin's personality. On January 23, 1946, he had the last of many meetings with the Marshal when he called to say goodbye before leaving the Soviet Union. Though he recognized Stalin as "a murderous tyrant", he also regarded him as "better informed than Roosevelt, more realistic than Churchill, in some ways the most effective of the war leaders". During his time in Moscow he was vulnerable to attack from the Democratic left for his association with the party bosses in New York, without whose support he could not have been elected. Yet his principles smacked too much of Rooseveltian big government to satisfy the centre right of the party. While his outspoken support for civil rights made him anathema to the Democratic South. His one major asset, the vigorous support of Truman, was not enough. Support for Stevenson did not falter, and the vice-presidential slot was the target of two powerful and electorally experienced senators. Harriman could attract the young of New York but he lacked the staff of the popular "touch" which Senators Estes Kefauver and John F. Kennedy could command. Two years later, in 1958, he lost the governorship to an even wealthier public-spirited plutocrat, Nelson Rockefeller. "Governor" was thereafter the form of address he preferred; but he was never really happy in American domestic politics. John F. Kennedy, who could recognize real ability when he saw it, lost no time after his election as President in recruiting Harriman as his ambassador at large. Known as one who kept his own counsel but was at the same time prone to sharp outbursts, Harriman earned from Kennedy the epithet "the crocodile". It was a prudent appointment, and Harriman's prestige in European and NATO circles went some way to allaying initial European anxieties at the election of this Irish Catholic stripling as president. He led the American delegation to the Geneva Conference on Laos in 1961-62, defusing what Kennedy later saw as the most dangerous crisis of his first year in office. Along with the elder statesmen of the Democratic party whom

MR VINCENTE MINNELLI

Mr Vincente Minnelli, the Hollywood director whose series of successful musical films included Meet Me in St. Louis, An American in Paris and Gigi, died in Los Angeles on July 26, aged 73. He was born in Chicago on February 28, 1913, of an Italian theatrical family, and spent his childhood on the making his stage debut at the age of four. Later, he worked with a sign painter during school holidays, and on leaving school got a succession of jobs in stage designing. Next he added directing to designing, and his productions of ballets such as El Amor Brujo and musical shows like The Show is On, Very Warm For May, and most notably The Ziegfeld Follies, showed decorative flair and sophisticated taste. In 1940 Arthur Freed, a producer with MGM, who had noticed his stage work, invited him to Hollywood, where he worked for two years

observing and learning film techniques, until he was ready to make his unusually assured and successful first film, Cabin in the Sky. In 1944 Minnelli made the film which remains for many his best, and is certainly his most charming and human, Meet Me in St. Louis, a delicate and graceful evocation of St. Louis family life in 1903. The film starred Judy Garland (singing "The Trolley Song"), and shortly afterwards she became his wife, appearing in his next two films, The Clock and Ziegfeld Follies, and later in The Pirate. His work at this time showed a style of increasing complexity, especially in dance sequences where his sensitivity to music and movement produced the most subtle and intricate camera work. Minnelli's next two films, a patchy version of Madame Bovary and a charming light comedy, Father of the Bride,

re-established him as a popular director, and enabled him to return to the musical with two of his biggest successes, An American in Paris (which received the Academy Award for the best film of 1951) and The Band Wagon, the first with Gene Kelly and the second with Fred Astaire. The ballet in the former was one of the most dazzling pieces of filmed dance, but the elegant art of Fred Astaire seemed more completely in harmony with Minnelli's temperament and The Band Wagon remains one of his best films. This period also brought his finest dramatic film, The Bad and the Beautiful, a luxurious slice of Hollywood life. The advent of CinemaScope was not at first an unqualified blessing for him, as it deprived his camera of the time being of its habitual mobility. But his wide-screen dramas Tea and Sympathy and (particularly) The Cobweb demonstrated yet

again his sensitivity and intelligence, while Last for Life, his biography of Van Gogh, though weakly scripted, was pictorially superb. In 1958 his new musical Gigi was an unqualified universal hit, though it contained little dancing. This was followed by other successes, culminating in A Matter of Time (1976) in which his and Judy Garland's daughter, Liza Minnelli, starred. Though Minnelli was successful in almost every field of film-making into which he ventured, with one or two exceptions his most characteristic work was to be found in the musicals. His personal taste, just occasionally inclining a little towards the chic, was generally impeccable, and the cosmopolitan sophistication and flair that he brought to his films made his work instantly recognizable and always welcome. He was four times married.

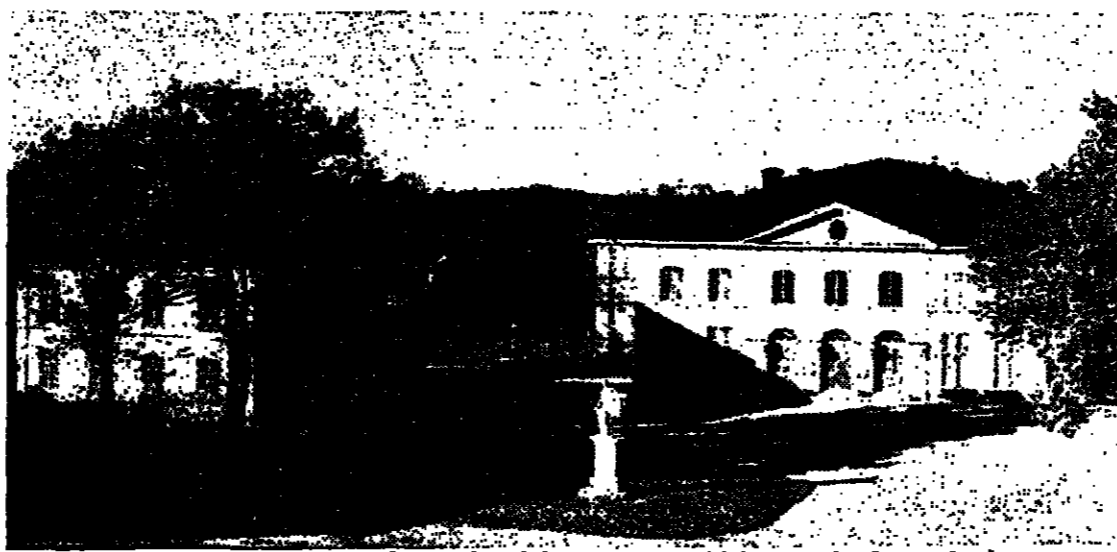


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Television Popular puzzle

Ninety per cent of the population believe that in the tabloids journalists invent stories and are only concerned with selling the product. Given their own newspaper to edit most people would chuck out bingo, gossip and page-three girls. These facts were revealed in a Gallup Poll conducted for Twenty Years On (ITV, Saturday), in which David Frost tested attitudes to the popular Press. Ken Livingstone was in the studio audience to give the benefit of his own mastery of the media and recommend that any serious public figure should stick to television and avoid the Press. As long as there were journalists around, he said, the public would not put politicians at the bottom of the heap as far as trustworthiness was concerned. Professor Laurie Taylor confirmed that in modern society journalists are creatures like malicious medieval demons. "But we must be doing something right, although you hate us," protested the veteran yellow press editor Nick Lloyd. Twenty Years On is a series which defines the extent to which life has changed since the Sixties, a task in which it commonly fails because the very Sixties device of a studio audience is a guarantee of triviality. In asking why millions of people buy newspapers which they despise, however, it identified a fascinating modern phenomenon. George Washington (BBC2, Sunday) was a new series about the first American president, an enthralling figure who was analyzed in the biography by James Thomas Flexner. This series is based on that book. It displayed the unique American gift of re-creating the past as a glamorous Disney world, where events are directed jerkily by figures who are animated by the unseen force of destiny. The series made good use of the colonial charm of Williamsburg, but was hampered by a lack of sweeping landscapes to indicate the awe-inspiring vastness of 18th-century America. Celia Brayfield



Magnus Lindén's manic-depressive Giovanni; and the opera house (right) close by the royal palace

Opera: John Higgins reports on Mozart performances at Stockholm's Drottningholm Castle Theatre

Resourcefulness in style

The opera house at Drottningholm is not short of special features. At which other lyric theatre does part of the audience arrive by boat from the nearest city - Stockholm, about 45 minutes sail away? (No, the Fenice in Venice does not count.) Which other house is adjacent to the royal summer palace and totally surrounded by parkland, with French-style landscaping on one side and English on the other, the latter a bit misty and dank at times of the year and tending to induce the ague? It is not though the outside, however handsome and enticing it may be, that really counts but what happens within. And part of this summer's opera season has been very distinguished indeed. Take Göran Jarvafelt's staging of Don Giovanni, which seizes on the original machinery of the mid-18th-century theatre - a mass of spindles, wheels and pulleys under the stage and above hauls against the rafters - and uses them up to the hilt. All designers working at Drottningholm have to operate within the constraints of the baroque scenic conventions, with an assortment of painted panels of trees, rocks or maybe columns rolled in from the wings and supplemented with a backdrop. Margaretha Söderling makes a positive virtue of both this and the exceptional depth of the acting area so that Giovanni plots his seductions in bosky vistas or town squares that bear a remarkable resemblance to the area around Prague's Tyl Theatre where the first performance of Giovanni took place. Preservation of the conventions of the past is the number one objective of Drottningholm itself, right down to the fabric of the theatre interior where every piece of peeling wallpaper is cherished because it is original and the decorations are so little restored that the inside of the house is kept deliberately on the shabby side. The glitter of Munich's Cuvilliestheater would horrify the Stockholm conservationists. But there is nothing fossilized about Göran Jarvafelt's production, which skates along at high speed in reflection of Arnold Ostman's conducting of his hand-picked baroque instrumentalists. The Giovanni of Magnus Lindén is a manic-depressive given to moments of high exultation, as in "Finch'han dal vino" when the world and his women are about to be at his feet, and times of fearful despair including the prospect of Leporello leaving him at the start of Act II. The baritone is dark-hued, a bit coarse for the Serenade, but full of flexibility right down to the final roar of defiance as Giovanni slides to hell while slipping off his headband and wig to reveal a thinning ginger-haired pate. Giovanni takes his curtain call from hell itself calling on the other singers in reverse of the normal order and ending with Masetto. Convention is again broken with Petteri Salomaa, a lone Finn among a primarily Swedish company, as a

Leporello as aggressive and every bit as good as his master. The cutting-edge to the voice and the agility of his movements could give Salomaa the title-role before long. As it is, this Leporello makes the most credible of stand-ins for Giovanni while he is duping Elvira in Act II. But the most impressive singing of all comes from Stefan Dahlberg, a tenor in the Windbergh mould who, when he develops his top register to its full, is likely to be much sought after. His Ottavio, a sturdy young golden boy of considerable breeding, should not have had Anna left in two minds about him. The ladies of the cast were less interesting, but Clarry Bartha's Anna put some warmth into that chilly lady and Hillevi Martinpelto's soubrette Zerlina would have livened up any farm on which her Masetto worked. Arnold Ostman, a disappointing Giovanni conductor when he came to Covent Garden, on home territory is a totally commanding figure, obtaining from his orchestra of two dozen or so a performance in which wit and hellfire crackled in equal measure. He engineered a thrilling face-to-face encounter with Mozartian drama only possible in a theatre of Drottningholm's size. This high-tension Giovanni made the season's other Mozart opera, Idomeneo, look staid and pallid, with Ostman drawing rather less inspiration from the earlier score. But the real fault lies with the routine production of Michael Hampe, who seems equally capable of touching the heights (the Salzburg Così) and simply propelling his singers around the stage. While Jarvafelt revelled in his baroque theatre Hampe seemed oppressed by it, content for effect merely to revolve the Cretan waves at the rear of acting area, sound the thunder-claps and turn the wind-machine. This was toy theatre. If there were few visual treats then recompense came with vocal ones, especially from the women. Ann Christine Biel's Ila was a model of sweetness in nature and vocal timbre: "Idol mio" was delivered with a winning simplicity that provoked instant heart-melting. Anita Soldh's Elettra conversely was the spitfire, drawing applause with attack and accuracy of intonation. Ingrid Tobiansson's Idamante carried her dragon-slaying kit prettily but lacked vocal personality, while Joseph Protschka in the title role pressed his tenor too hard until the very close of the opera when he at last showed his true quality. Much of the best work came from the chorus, and to some extent Idomeneo is their opera. British Airways Sovereign Holidays do four-day trips to Drottningholm at a little over £400, including accommodation and opera tickets (by no means easy to come by in the 450-seat house). A similar arrangement is likely for next year, when La finta giardiniera may be on the bill.

Promenade Concert

CBSO/Rattle Albert Hall/Radio 3

One gets the feeling from Hans Werner Henze's recent music that all the searching, fruitful and otherwise, has been done and that at last he is able to express himself freely, doubts and all. Certainly that is the case with the Seventh Symphony, unveiled by the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra a year and a half ago in celebration of its centenary. It was given a magnificent British premiere by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Simon Rattle in Friday night's Prom, which conceded nothing to the earlier occasion. It is by a considerable measure the most powerful as well as the most traditional of the series so far (there are four movements, the first and third of which are recognizably sonata and scherzo). Blatantly its principal source of inspiration is Mahler, and Mahler in his most tragic, resigned vein, despite the indication of "happy and lively" at the head of the actually rather grimly pulsating first movement. Here, surely, we are in the nightmare world of Mahler's Sixth Symphony. This is a dance, just as the movements' titles tell us, but its colours and very metricity somehow suggest that it is only a vain attempt to fend off Fate. The coincidence of Henze's own heart problem around the time of its composition can hardly be ignored. But the symphony also has a Mahlerian opulence about it, requiring a huge orchestra which is, however, handled with masterly sensitivity, though at times with little restraint. Indeed the Mahlerian element sometimes verges on pastiche, as in the third movement, an obsessive scherzo that seems almost to quote its equivalent in Mahler's Sixth, while the particular use of harp and cor anglais in the two slow movements is another tribute to that work (and its predecessor). These last are sad, passionate reflections on what might have been rather than points of repose. Throughout the symphony Henze shows Mahler's tendency to build complex structures culminating in shattering climaxes. None is more so than the final one, curtailed by a strangely coloured pianissimo chord, all foreboding and desolation. Odd, you might think, to follow this heavyweight with Beethoven's perennially fresh Violin Concerto. But actually this could have worked as a fine pick-me-up were it not for Henryk Szeryng's deliberate, if beautifully toned, way with it. Stephen Pettitt

Dance Demand in plenty

London Festival Ballet's management was afraid that having the Bolshoi in competition might cause diminished audiences. In the event, both companies played last week to packed and enthusiastic houses. The Bolshoi's programmes at Covent Garden consist only of big blockbuster works. The opportunity to see another performance of Ivan the Terrible with a different cast did not cause any change in my opinion of the work but did reveal fresh aspects of the roles and of the dancers. Alexei Fadeychev played the title part so confidently that I was surprised to be told it was his very first time in the role. Fadeychev does not have the "specialty steps" that make Mukhamedov's account of the role physically thrilling, but his is a very good all-round ability in a more classical mould. The battle scenes lost a little of their excitement, but still remained a tumultuous orchestration of mass movement. The political power-struggle within the plot might also have lost something of its edge, except that Boris Akimov plays Kurbsky, the ally turned rival, with far more understanding and authority (albeit less virtuosity) than Andris Liepa. With Lyudmila Semenyaka as Ivan's bride, Anastasia, giving a performance of more variety and expressiveness than Besmeruova (there was even some playfulness in their relationship), the drama as a whole became more convincing. Festival Ballet's competi-

tion to this consisted mainly of well-chosen mixed bills. Carmen provided the dramatic core of the programmes, and with further performances Alessandra Ferri found a more convincing approach, stylized as this artificial choreography demands. Two other guest stars from Roland Petit's Marseilles company also gave thrilling interpretations of the leading roles. Dominique Khalifou's proud, teasing, voluptuous and dominating Carmen has been praised in these pages before. Denys Gano as Don José matches her ideally: a lean, painfully obsessed lover who burns on a slow fuse to a tremendous explosion of murderous passion. The weekend programmes began with Paul Taylor's lyrical Aureole to music by Handel. The warmth and innocent sublimity of its dances stir a happy response, and Festival Ballet's cast dance it with engaging enthusiasm, although they could do with a refresher course in the nuances of Taylor's style, especially Kevin Haigen, whose promising début in the central role needs more weight and stretch. In the bravura showpiece Etudes, the company can now field several teams of soloists and a strong ensemble. Patrick Dupond, as guest star, clearly enjoys playing with the virtuosic elements of his role: over the top but always in command. The home team defiantly challenges him all through, making the ballet an exciting contest of skills. John Percival

Rock Stan Ridgway Town and Country Club

Although the content was largely impenetrable, the tone of Stan Ridgway's prickly, ironic repartee with the audience between songs left no doubt that he harbours mixed feelings about the current British top-gun placing of his single "Camouflage". After all, the former singer of Wall of Voodoo, the group he founded in Los Angeles in 1977, chose the moment at which that band at last found American chart success, with "Mexican Radio" in 1983, to leave and launch a sporadic solo career ostensibly in pursuit of creative rather than commercial satisfaction. "This is a serious show," he mockingly vouched. "There are industry people here and I owe a lot of money"; later he showered the audience with fake paper currency and confetti, yelling too desperately "Money means nothing to me". These antics of a fairground staman accorded well with the flavour of the music, which embraced elements of the folk, rock and vaudeville traditions. The purposeful vignettes which his verbose narrative lyrics conjured were underlined by his nasal, all-American delivery, and, as he whipped the microphone lead in snaking arcs across the stage during "Pile Driver", I was reminded of the cracking whiplash effects and stirring imagery of Frankie Laine's 1959 hit "Rawhide". Backed by an expert, low-profile five-piece band, Ridgway hovered on the brink of eccentric excellence. While songs like "Can't Stop the Show" and "Walkin' Home Alone" were uncomfortably glibful pop constructions in a long-winded singer/songwriter mould, the skittish movement and discordant progressions of "Don't Box Me In" showed flashes of rare wit and innovative acumen. David Sinclair

Jazz Charlie Rouse Bull's Head

In 1959, when Thelonious Monk chose a new tenor saxophonist to be the front-line voice of a quartet that was to see out the Sixties, Charlie Rouse was not much more than a reliable hood-carrier in the world of modern jazz. Even during his tenure with Monk, critics refused to take Rouse seriously. Not much money, though, would have gone on backing the average critic's judgement against the cunning Monk's presence, and sure enough Rouse used the opportunity to mould for himself a musical character that, while wholly dependent on the inspiration of his master, could be mistaken for no one else. Rouse has visited Britain in recent years with Sphere, a quartet devoted to the Monk repertoire. Last week, though, he arrived as a soloist with the Stan Tracey Trio, a meeting given its logic by the knowledge that Monk's early work provided Tracey with his initial creative impetus. Those present were adamant that the first night had been extraordinary, benefiting from the spontaneity and a combination of jet-lag and lack of rehearsal can occasionally ignite the fireworks were less spectacular the following evening, but there was no doubt that Tracey and his colleagues were enjoying this experience of what might be called the authorized version. "Nutty" moved with a characteristic Monkish medium-tempo gait, like a man trying to walk fast enough to evade an unwelcome advance but reluctant actually to break into a run. In the swift "Rhythm-a-Ning", Rouse's middleweight tone and slightly stiff-kneed phrasing responded well to Clark Tracey's Blakey-esque mixture of rimshot snicks, mushrooming rolls and impatient snare-drum tattoos, while Stan Tracey's piano solo rose from churning clouds of chordal riffs into the clear blue sky of arching treble figures. Richard Williams

Galleries Spending time with interest

Money/ Archeology in Britain British Museum

Centuries of Gold Zamana

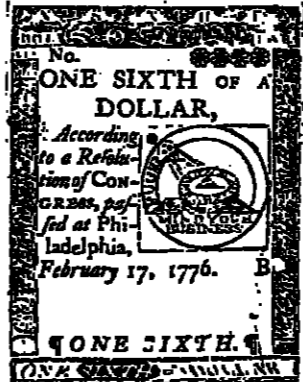
Let's Face It Museum of London

Do you sincerely want to be rich? - the American best-seller's earnest enquiry is not so wholly rhetorical as it sounds. If it is not within the capability of us all actually to be rich, presumably we could all contrive to be richer if we wanted it so sincerely that we were willing to devote all our efforts to the end of getting richer than being distracted by the, to most of us, more interesting business of spending. For that you need to be interested in money per se. Maybe a similar interest is required to get the most out of the British Museum's big summer show Money: From Cowrie Shells to Credit Cards (until October 26), or the

specialist effect must become monotonous after a while, given that the Islamic religion more or less precludes representation on coins, or anywhere else, and coin designers do not seem to have been able to interpret the Prophet's instructions so liberally as other Islamic artists contrived to do. So you have a lot of no doubt beautiful but little else except the dazzle of the gold itself. Which, as the Vikings exhibition a few years ago reminded us, does not really go far enough unless the gold is used to make art. But fortunately the coins them-

to go upstairs and look at the other big summer show, Archeology in Britain: New Views of the Past, which runs until February 15, 1987. The arrangement here is a model of clarity. The show sets out to give us some indication of how new approaches to archeology and new areas of interest for the archeologist have helped to modify our views of Britain's past, and the way it does this is to take the periods excavated one by one, in chronological order from 8000 to 5000 BC when we are invited to observe the use of natural resources (often unexpectedly cunningly used as a hunting decoy), up to 1600 and studies of how medieval towns developed. A number of the objects unearthed, all of which tell us something beyond themselves, are both precious and beautiful, like the 4th-century hoard of Christian silver found in 1975 at Water Newton, or some of the Iron Age personal decorations in precious metals. And the show whets the appetite to know more about such extraordinary phenomena as the Sweet Track, more than 6000 years old, built of timber across marshy ground in Somerset and still astonishingly well preserved. Some of the faces paraded for our inspection in Let's Face It, the Museum of London's fun summer show for all ages (until September 28), are neither pretty nor well preserved. There are, for instance, some scarifying mid-Victorian wax heads designed to show the ravages of venereal and other diseases common at the time, and a number of attacks by 18th-century cartoonists like Rowlandson and Gillray on the fashions and fads of the day, particularly when they could be observed transforming some raddled wreck into a toothsome morsel. However, since the show is sponsored by No7 cosmetics, it is only to be expected that the horrors will be balanced with more flattering indications of what can be done to gild the lily and make the already beautiful even more beautiful. The rows of English portraits through a couple of centuries early in the show seem to suggest continuity rather than change, but when we get to the 20th century the change accelerates to a dizzying pace, and is rather wittily chronicled in a swift canon down memory lane, bringing us right up to the wonderful world of Punk and beyond. John Russell Taylor

coincidentally complementary show Centuries of Gold: The Coinage of Medieval Islam, at the Zamana Gallery in the Ismaili Centre until October 5. Of course there is in both cases the incidental matter of the value and interest of coinage as works of art. Centuries of Gold certainly makes a brave show of its gold coinage, but to anyone except a real



Currency (from left): Allied Military five francs (1944); sixpenny note used by British troops in North Africa during the Second World War and one-sixth of a dollar, American Continental Congress, 1776

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£4bn China trade deal

China is to put about US\$6 billion (£4 billion) of development projects for the city of Tianjin (near Beijing) out to international tender...

The eight projects include a large steel mill, a 1.3 million kilowatt thermal power plant and a coal exploration plant.

The others are an ethane plant, a car factory, a cement plant, an electrified railway and a TV broadcast tower.

All the projects will be financed with foreign capital, in the form of direct investment from overseas commercial loans and soft loans from foreign governments...

CBT move

The Chicago Board of Trade (CBT) is planning to open a marketing office in London this September to promote its range of options and futures contracts.

Office project

Ladbroke Group Properties has transformed the former Ebenham & Freedyde department store in Wigmore Street, London, into a 65,000 sq ft office development.

Shoe imports

Footwear imports have started climbing again, reversing a declining trend established earlier this year.

In volume, they rose by 4.8 per cent in April.

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RESULTS

TODAY - Interims: AMS Industries, Continental Assets Trust, Thomas Jourdan, Reuters Holdings. Finals: Hillards, Merrydown Wine, Murray Smaller Markets Trust, Norion Opax, Parkfield Group, F H Tomkins.

TOMORROW - Interims: Burnatex, Child Health Research, Investment Commercial Bank of Wales, D J Security Alarms, National Westminster Bank, Radius, Solash Products, Webber Electro Components. Finals: Alva Investment Corporation, Eliza Tinsley Group, Gold Greenless, Troit, Havelock Europa, Hidong Estate.

WEDNESDAY - Interims: CSC Investment Trust, Mount Charlotte Investments, Newmarket Company, Somportex Holdings, Wace Group. Finals: Greggs, Mercantile House, M S International, Stavert Zigmola.

THURSDAY - Interims: Aaronson Bros, Argyle Trust, Peter Black Holdings, John I Jacobs (amended), Jebsens Drilling, Johnstone's Paints, Lex Service, Macarthy's Pharmaceuticals, Midlands Bank, Fiaals, Air Group, Gibbs Mew, Marler Estates, M L Holdings, Mid Wynd International Investment Trust, PCT Group, William Ransom and Son, David S Smith.

FRIDAY - Interims: Cardiff Property, Consolidated Tern Investments. Finals: Forinister, Neepsend.

BASE LENDING RATES

Table with columns for bank names and interest rates. Includes entries for ABN, Adam & Company, BCCI, Citibank Savings, Consolidated Crds, Continental Trust, Co-operative Bank, C. Hoare & Co, Hong Kong & Shanghai, Lloyds Bank, Nat West, Nat West Bank of Scotland, TSB, Citibank NA, and Mortgage Base Rate.

Profits leap for coal and electricity

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Coal and electricity, two industries whose fortunes are inextricably tied to each other, will this week announce a remarkable recovery from the debilitating effects of the year-long miners' strike.

The National Coal Board, which now trades as British Coal, made a loss for 1985-86 of £50 million, its best performance for seven years.

Coal mining remains the biggest loss-maker among the nationalized industries, with £1.4 billion of public funds poured into the industry.

In the short term, British Coal's figures have been saved by the record levels of post-strike productivity - up by a third on 1983-84. During last

year, 27 collieries deemed to be uneconomic were closed and 33,000 mineworkers left the industry without compulsory redundancy.

This year, however, the fall in oil prices will put coal prices under increasing pressure although senior NCB management believes that growing public concern over nuclear safety may affect the electricity-generating industry.

Coal's prospects have now been improved by speculation that the Central Electricity Generating Board will next year seek planning permission to build two 2,000 megawatt coal-fired power stations in the South of England.

On Thursday, Sir Philip Jones, chairman of the Electricity Council, will praise his industry for its turnaround from a £1.7 billion loss caused by the miners' strike. The total cost of the dispute to the electricity supply industry was £2.2 billion but some interest charges were carried over into 1985-86.

Sir Philip, like Mr Peter Walker, the Energy Secretary, argued successfully against the introduction of a "Scargill surcharge" to pass on the cost of the strike to consumers rather than to taxpayers generally.



Sir Philip Jones: £1.7 billion loss turned into profit

Computer service in legal row

By Lawrence Lever

A legal battle has developed between City Investment Centres, the owner of the North London Share Shop which allows investors to purchase shares off the street, and NMW Computers, the Talisman and accounting services group.

Allegations and writs have flown between the two companies over the CAPITAL service which NMW agreed to provide CIC with last year.

This is the back-office accountancy and bargain-settlement service which NMW provides for a broad cross-section of the securities industry.

CIC has issued a writ against NMW and is claiming that the CAPITAL service provided was inadequate.

Mr Edward Dunn, a CIC director, said last week: "It was off line more often than it was on. They notified us between 50 and 60 times that there would be a break in the service."

He blamed the problems with NMC as producing delays in processing bargains, thereby causing contract notes and payments to be sent out late.

A quite different picture is painted by Mr Nigel Bannister, the managing director of NMW, who says that the company deliberately stopped the CAPITAL service to CIC because it would not pay its bills.

NMW is suing CIC for non-payment of fees due.

Opec unlikely to halt price collapse

By Our Industrial Correspondent

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) begins another attempt in Geneva today to reach agreement on output quotas in a bid to prevent a further slide in the world oil price which, according to some experts, could fall to \$5 a barrel by the end of next month.

Prospects of a deal looked increasingly unlikely yesterday when Iraq said it would insist on the same quota as Iran.

Dr Subroto, the Indonesian oil minister, said yesterday that Opec could achieve its price target of \$17-\$19 a barrel if the organization were united on the issue of production restraint.

Opec members agreed in Brioni, Yugoslavia, last month to fix a production ceiling of 17.6 million barrels a day. Dr Subroto's suggested quota system has still to

be accepted. Meanwhile, Opec production is reported to be reaching 20 million barrels a day.

Following a meeting yesterday of Opec's long-term strategy committee, which includes Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iran, Iraq, Venezuela and Algeria, Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the Saudi oil minister, said "useful talks" had occurred but that quotas had not been discussed.

The United Arab Emirates oil minister, Mana Said Al-Oteiba, who has demanded a larger share of the proposed quotas, said the strategy committee meeting would help the full Opec meeting.

A further fall in oil prices would be bad news for Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, who stands to lose around £3 billion in taxes if the price drops to an average of \$10 a barrel.

SRO role for Lloyd's

Lloyd's insurance market and the Takeover Panel should become self-regulatory organizations (SROs) under the Financial Services Bill, according to a Bow Group paper published today.

Mr Maurice Burton, merchant banker, argues that making Lloyd's an SRO would increase its accountability and prove that its standards were on a par with

the rest of the City. The Takeover Panel would have a range of disciplinary measures at its disposal.

Mr Burton also suggests investment in goods such as works of art, strengthening the Bank of England's supervisory department, and an accounting standard setting, out the circumstances in which auditors will be required to report their clients to the authorities.



Facing defeat: GEC's Lord Weinstock could opt for a barter deal if his £1.2bn bid is blocked.

Veto expected for GEC bid

By Alison Eadie

Speculation was mounting over the weekend that the Monopolies and Mergers Commission had given the thumbs down to General Electric's £1.2 billion bid for Plessey, its smaller electronics competitor.

Mr Paul Channon, the Trade and Industry Secretary, has had the report for more than a week and is expected to give his verdict around the middle of August.

Both Plessey and GEC said yesterday they had no idea of the Commission's conclusions.

Plessey also firmly denied that it was building up a stake in Ferranti, another important defence electronics company.

Plessey issued a statement saying: "There is no truth in the speculation that we are attempting to acquire shares in Ferranti or engage in poison pill activity."

Plessey shares eased 14p last week to 202p as the City came round to the view that either the GEC bid would be blocked or so hedged in with qualifications that a full bid would be impossible.

GEC was non-committal yesterday over suggestions it would bid for STC if blocked in going for Plessey. A spokesman said the company would wait for Mr Channon's decision before deciding on a future course.

GEC's bid for Plessey has come up against some powerful opposition. More than 160 MPs of all parties signed a Commons Early Day Motion last week declaring a takeover to be against the public interest.

The Ministry of Defence is also known to be hostile to a move which could reduce competition amongst defence contractors.

British Telecom, by contrast, is keen on the idea of the amalgamation of the two companies' manufacturing of System X public digital telephone exchanges.

A government veto on a full takeover bid could still leave room for an agreed swapping of important divisions. It is thought that Lord Weinstock, managing director of GEC, might contemplate selling its electronics, telecommunications and other high-technology businesses to Plessey in exchange for Plessey shares.

GEC could potentially become the controlling shareholder in Plessey.

GEC's original reason for launching the bid was to enable Britain to compete more effectively with the major international corporations in telecommunications and electronics.

Property booms in New York

By Judith Huntley Commercial Property Correspondent

New York, with 200 million sq ft of offices, is spreading its development boundaries to its West Side, once shunned by the financial community and developers alike.

Gulf & Western Industries is building a huge office and retail complex in the Madison Square area, while Mr William Zekendorf is planning a £200 million office and residential scheme on the site of the former Madison Square Gardens.

Phibro-Salomon and Boston Properties, are replacing the New York Coliseum convention centre with a 70-storey office block, a 300-room hotel, retail space and a new convention centre.

Mr Donald Trump, of Trump Tower fame, plans to build a 150-storey office tower on the Upper West Side waterfront.

And the City of New York is building four giant office blocks for nearly £1 billion at Times Square with local developer Mr George Klein.

Kenneth Leventhal, the firm of US accountants, estimates there will be another 27 million sq ft of offices in Manhattan by 1987.

Company chiefs face showdowns

By Cliff Feltham

Two leading knights of industry face a showdown with their shareholders this week after a string of disappointing results.

Sir Michael Edwardes, chairman of the Chloride battery group, and Sir Jack Wellings, head of the 600 Group, an iron and steel scrap business, will face a number of searching questions at annual meetings in London.

The all-important institutional shareholders, although unlikely to give any backing to pressure from small investors, will be watching closely for indications that the businesses are showing signs of improvement.

A dissident shareholder, Mr David Wilson, has urged 106 institutions owning shares in 600 Group to back a call for a

57 per cent rise in the dividend payout, costing over £900,000.

He said: "This will bring the dividend for the year into line with the increases in the chairman's salary since 1976."

The Chloride Shareholders' Action Group has been a persistent thorn in the side of Sir Michael Edwardes. Its leader, Dr Maurice Gillibrand, was last year elected to the board on a show of hands, but the vote was overturned by proxies.

Dr Gillibrand has been pressing for support from institutional shareholders, arguing that there must be something wrong with Chloride's recruiting policy if all the management changes of recent years have still failed to work.

Textile imports pact in doubt

From Alan McGregor Geneva

With only four days until the Multi-Fibre Arrangement (MFA) runs out, negotiators from 30 countries have spent the weekend striving to narrow the still wide gap between big Third World producers and developed nations seeking to protect what remains of their textile industries against floods of low-cost imports.

"Moderate" developing countries have proposed a three-year extension to the arrangement, first negotiated in 1973, whose members handle 88 per cent of the \$100 billion a year world textile trade.

The US wants five years, the EEC is prepared to compromise on four, if possibly flexible on terms, the US remains obdurate on most other positions, its delegates arguing that precise restrictions are the best defence against the Washington protectionist lobby.

In particular, the Americans insist on obtaining contingency measures for curbing import surges. They are particularly insistent on vegetable fibres now being brought into the MFA, including ramie, the flax-like fibre increasingly used with cotton in cheaper products.

In the meantime, the US has also strengthened its MFA position through independent bilateral deals with three major exporters, Hong Kong, Taiwan (not in the MFA) and South Korea.

Even if there is no overt link, these MFA negotiations have become psychologically enmeshed with the concurrent crisis-climax of Gatt's endeavours to secure agreement - also by midnight on Thursday - on the draft declaration for endorsement by trade ministers meeting at Punta del Este on September 15 to launch a new round of multi-lateral negotiations.

Among the "radical" Third World nations who say they want the MFA abolished and replaced by application of Gatt fair-trade rules are some of those, including India, still opposing inclusion of services in the new round.

If there is no hint of a deal, Mr Arthur Dunkel, Gatt director general, will be holding almost continuous consultations with the main participants in both negotiations.

Deals cleared

The following bids and offers will not be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission: Grattan by Next, Budgen Holdings by Barker, Canada Dry Soft Drinks by Cadbury Schweppes and certain assets of Cadbury Schweppes by Coca-Cola Co.

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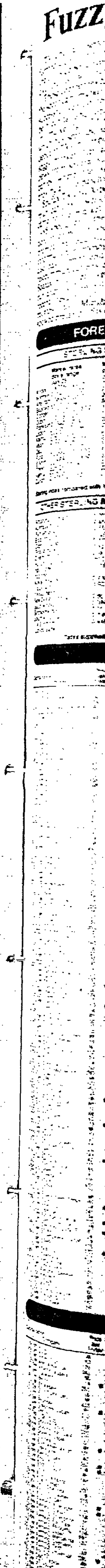
This year's public sector borrowing requirement target is £7.1 billion and, within the wide margins of error which exist at this stage in the financial year, it looks as if the outcome will be reasonably close to the target. Strong doubts about the PSBR trend in 1987-88 are building up as the results of the Cabinet debate about spending plans for next year emerge. So far, however, the 1986-87 PSBR trend seems to be under control, in spite of falling oil prices.

US NOTEBOOK Drastic action needed on interest rates

Last week was the sort that no one in his right mind wanted for America. The dollar halted its downward move and showed signs of strengthening - it began and ended the week at 156 to the yen and 213-214 to the mark. Interest rates rose. The 30-year US 7 1/4 bond yield rose from 7.21 to 7.40.

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Large table listing various unlisted securities with columns for Company, Price, Change, Gross, Div, and %Y. Includes sub-sections like Investment trusts and Financial trusts.

COMPANY NEWS

MARINA DEVELOPMENT GROUP: The directors announce the application for a USM quotation for the group's ordinary shares. BULLOUGH: Six months to April 30. Interim dividend 3.2p (2.7p), payable on Sept. 10.

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COMMENT Clouds begin to clear on Third World debt

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Navratilova takes the credit for diplomacy as US capture trophy

Martina Navratilova won a tough match yesterday and a lot more besides. By beating her former compatriot Hana Mandlikova 7-5, 6-1 to give the United States a 2-0 winning lead over Czechoslovakia in the final of the Federation Cup, Miss Navratilova completed a week that has broken down barriers, buried myths and allowed sport to triumph over politics in the purest and most harmonious way.

The whole exercise has been extremely significant for East-West sport and if the players, with a wonderfully diplomatic Miss Navratilova setting the tone, have behaved impeccably, the Czech public has emerged as the real heroes. Their emotional but always polite support of Miss Navratilova embraced the whole United States team right up to the moment they played Czechoslovakia yesterday. Then, quite reasonably, Helena Sukova and Miss Mandlikova became the beneficiaries of their rhythmic clapping and generous applause.

At the end, Miss Navratilova crowned her performance as the players left the stadium by putting her arm around Hana's shoulder. For a brief stride two great Czech champions were united and the crowd roared their approval. Up in the officials' box, the Prime Minister and two members of his cabinet were left to make what they liked of it. But the message was as clear as Czech crystal.

Obviously, Miss Mandlikova was bitterly disappointed. She had thrown away much good work in the first set with two double faults in the 12th game after leading 4-0. Miss Navratilova, who had survived two break points against her own service at 2-2 was growing in confidence by the minute and, having been saved the need to win a tie-break, started forcing a stream of errors out of the Mandlikova forehead as she swept majestically through the second set.

Earlier, Chris Lloyd had made life easier for Martina by beating Miss Sukova 7-5, 7-6 in a match that produced the best tennis of the week. A run of nine consecutive points enabled the daughter of the Czech Federation president to pull back from 2-5 in the second set as Mrs. Lloyd's service stung and produced a string of double faults but the American steadied herself sufficiently to win a tenth tie-break by 7-5.

Annabel Croft and Anne Hobbs stuck to their task commendably in the consolation competition and secured the trophy for Britain by winning both their singles against the Soviet Union.

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Wilander beaten

BASTAD. (AP) - Emilio Sanchez beat the top seed, Mats Wilander 7-6, 4-6, 6-4 Sunday to win the singles title in the \$125,000 Swedish Open tennis tournament.

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Mrs Green pulls off coup d'état

Lucinda Green, riding with dash and determination completed an outstanding day at the Croft Original Horse Trials at Holker Hall in Cumbria yesterday, by winning both the advanced and open events. She won Section K on SR International's Shannagh, who goes to the Luhmühlen three-day event in West Germany next month and won Section L on Willy B, the horse formerly ridden by Colin Wares.

Mrs Green, who had never competed at Holker, also finished third in Section L on Brass Monkey. In Section K Mrs Green and Shannagh collected only six time faults. The victory came at the expense of the Range Rover team whose Jon Evans, on The Cordwainer, had to settle for second place and the satisfaction of relegating his employer, the Mark Phillips on Distinctive, to third place.

In Section L it was the world champion Gilly Leng who suffered from Mrs Green's form. Nigel Taylor gave his new sponsor, the Mallinson-Denny Group, plenty of smiles although the rode rider, along with Westchester concession whereby England could enrole a Commonwealth player - Stuart Mackenzie, of New Zealand.

The match was played in an atmosphere of intense excitement encouraged by the rousing commentary by Terry Hanlon - in six chuckles. The Mexicans had the edge through out. The Gracidas, whose initial family sporting understanding clearly reflected in their assured positioning, anticipation and passing, displayed a team-sense that gave them the advantage at most moments of the duel.

Although there was some wonderful hitting and stick play from England, their lack of confidence was shown in their erratic line-up. They did not mark their opposite numbers as well as the Mexicans nor drive their ponies with the same high-speed effect. The Mexicans won 8-4.

Anthony Embrocio's chestnut Noni, which was ridden by Memo Gracida, was awarded the prize for the best pony in the match. Memo Gracida secured the Carrier Pegasus award as "the most outstanding player".

The chief heroes of both that match and the one that followed were the patrons who lent their precious ponies for the afternoon. The main beneficiaries were Lord Courday, Anthony Embrocio, David Jamson, Mr and Mrs Simon Tomlinson and Guy Wildenstein.

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Solly may not get his Stuttgart wish

Only two bowlers still unbeaten

1986 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Liverpool swimmer in impressive form

Woods hurtles to cycle track record

Lead role suits the tiny guy with the king sized heart

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

It had seemed too much of a coincidence that Jon Solly, Steve Binns and Steve Jones should be out training together...

medal here, that track leads to Stuttgart and a place in the British team at 10,000 metres for the European championships next month.

But the surprise is that Solly is leaning more to the 5,000 metres for Stuttgart, a wish that may not be realized if Steve Oat, Tim Hutchings and Jack Buckner all run well here on Thursday...

And Solly and Binns are club colleagues at Bingley Harriers. But that did not stop Solly sneaking past his tiny colleague in the last 500 metres after the guisy Binns had led for the other 9 1/2 kilometres...

But there is no animosity from the man who would be a natural to play Alf Tupper if there were ever a film of the Tough of the Track...

Equally surprising, considering his fast marathon times, was the fact that the bronze was Jones's first ever championship medal...

Dave Smith, of England, and Martin Girvan, of Northern Ireland, lived up to their image of being the hard men of the hammer when, after winning gold and silver medals in the first field events final on Saturday...



Happiness in victory and defeat: Binns (left), the loser and Solly after the 5,000 metres.

Dickson stakes his claim

By Gordon Allan

By testime yesterday Ian Dickson, of New Zealand, and Alf Wallace, of Australia, were the only unbeaten players in the men's singles at Balgownie...

Dickson scored three shots on the decisive end after Thomson's opening bowl had flicked the jack sideways...

In the women's singles Senga McCrone (Scotland) strengthened her position at the head of the table, beating Rhoda Ryan (New Zealand) 21-18...

Each competitor played 12 matches. It is premature to talk about the gold medal but Dickson has underlined his worth, and Wallace, a left-hander, whose name was scarcely mentioned before the Games began...

George Adrian and Grant Knox (Scotland) have won their five games so far in the men's pairs and Margaret Johnston and Freda Elliott (Northern Ireland) have a six out of six record in the women's. But there is still a long way to go at Balgownie.

It's been a struggle for me and my family. Unless a sponsor steps in I may have to retire, said Willey, a double Commonwealth champion and record holder.

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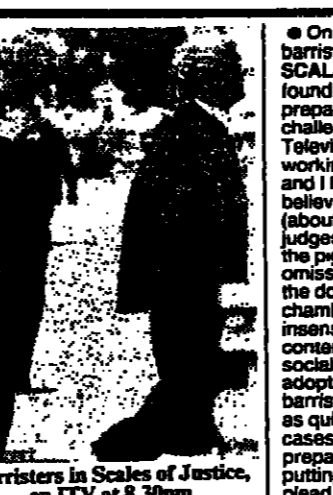
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BBC 2 6.55 Open University: Mathematics Foundation Course, Ends at 7.20...

CHOICE wishes. And that, as they say, is just for starters...

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CHOICE nothing distractingly ornamental get in the way of Crossley's doing what he is best becoming a specialist at talking...

Radio 4 On long wave, VHF variations stand 5.55 Shipping, 6.00 News Briefing...

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SPORT

Thompson on course for world record

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

It was a day as variable as the weather at the 13th Commonwealth Games athletics in Meadowbank Stadium in Edinburgh yesterday. Ben Johnson, of Canada, won the 100 metres as expected in 10.07sec and Linford Christie, despite pulling up with a hamstring strain in the last five metres, finished second in 10.28sec. Judy Simpson took the heptathlon by a mere four points in a Commonwealth record.

Debbie Flintoff, of Australia, set herself up for winning two gold medals when she took the 400 metres flat race. Roger Black and Heather Oakes were unexpected winners of the 400 metres and 100 metres respectively — and Daley Thompson is potentially on a world record for both the decathlon and bad behaviour.

Olympic champion, world champion, Commonwealth champion, and all the rest, the stadium commentator said, being blasé about Thompson's long list of achievements. But, "all the rest" in Thompson's case covers a multitude of alleged sins. Thompson's 4,602 points in cool and blustery weather was a fine achievement, and another world record in within his grasp today. But problems arose when Thompson was seen to have defaced the principal sponsor's name from the number on the front of his vest. There was a strongly critical claim going to the Guinness company to the Commonwealth Games consortium and the England team management last night, for strictly speaking, this is a misdemeanour which could be punishable by Thompson's disqualification. After everything that has happened here so far that is the last thing we need.

But the "Friendly Games"

cachet has rather been discarded in the wake of the boycotts. Yet Graeme Fell pushed it even further from memory with more recriminations after winning the steep-chase. Fell used to run for England, and now runs for Canada after falling out with British team management when he was a student in the United States, and he made no secret of it after winning his race. Even worse, Roger Hackney is disqualified for allegedly trailing a leg over the final water jump barrier. Hackney, of Wales, was reinstated after an appeal, but Colin Reitz for England, Fell's former club colleague, took the reinstatement badly and looked distinctly unhappy as Hackney preceded him at the medal ceremony.

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There are more ways than one of winning a gold medal, and Roger Black and his coach Mike Smith decided on the hardest — go out fast over the first 200 metres, stay in control in the next quarter of the race, and then hang on. It finally paid off yesterday when Black beat the outstanding favourite, Darren Clark, of Australia, to win the Commonwealth 400 metres gold medal.

It was the best time for it to work properly for the first time. Because Black had only won two of his half dozen races so far this season, and Clark had overhauled him well before the end of their two crucial races before yesterday, the AAA championships and the grand prix meeting in Oslo last month.

But Black, proving that the courageous tactic can work as well at 400 metres as it does over 5,000 metres and 10,000

metres, confirmed the belief of Vladimir Kuts 30 years ago: "I knew that one day they wouldn't catch me."

In one of the rare bursts of sunshine that illuminated the bright overcast day, Black shot out of his blocks as he has done all season, and sped through a 20.91sec first half. He did not believe that time later at the Press conference, but Smith was on hand to assure him. It was Smith also, who pointed out that the crucial part of the race was the third part, "where Roger was finally in control."

Clark was in a daze, for he had seen his second major prize in two years slip away as he entered the straight. The Australian had used a tactic similar to Black at the Olympic Games, but gone out far too fast and faded to fourth place in the final 100 metres in Los Angeles.

But this time Clark had the outside lane, and his surprise this time was seeing Black sweep past him just before the straight and take an unassailable lead. The strong wind in the back straight made the times look relatively ordinary, but Black eventually won easily in 45.57sec, with Clark second in 45.98sec and Phil Brown coming through to take bronze with 46.80sec.

Mark McKay was complimentary about Colin Jackson. But then, he was in the best position to be, for the Canadian had just retained his high hurdles title in beating the Welshman, aged 19, who had won the world junior title in Athens last week.

That victory in Greece and other semi-final performances on Saturday, when McKay had looked a little sluggish had led many people to believe that Jackson could beat the Canadian. But after a false start by himself, McKay, who was as fast with his chewing



Thompson leaps into the limelight (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

gum as he is over the initial hurdles was too good for Jackson this time, winning in 13.31sec, with Jackson on 13.42sec. That was 0.11sec faster than Mark Holtom's United Kingdom record, but the following wind was over the limit. McKay's opinion afterwards was that "Jackson is going to be awesome. People are saying that he is a little Nehemiah (the world record

holder), and I'd go along with that." Holtom has moved up to 400 metres hurdles now, and was carried off the track, virtually insensible after his semi-final. He has been having bronchial troubles, but still managed to qualify for the final, despite a slowish time of 53.11sec, and will decide overnight if he can contest today's final.

Two Americans celebrate victory in Paris

From John Wilcockson, Paris

To hear the strains of "The Star Spangled Banner" blaring forth through the hot, heavy atmosphere of a Parisian afternoon brought tears to the eyes of Bob LeMond yesterday as he watched his son, Greg, looking at the Stars and Stripes being raised above the Champs Elyées. At last, Greg LeMond could celebrate victory in the 73rd Tour de France. He is the first American to win the event.

Hinaut perhaps rode his most outstanding race in finishing second to LeMond.

Vanderaerden, of Belgium, won the green jersey as sprint points champion despite not having won a single stage. Vanderaerden was third in both of the weekend stages.

The adage that a race is never won until the finishing line is crossed proved itself again yesterday. About 40 miles from the finish of the 158-mile stage, LeMond was involved in a huge pile-up with his Canadian team colleague, Steve Bauer. "Both my wheels were broken," Bauer explained, adding that LeMond had to change bikes twice before returning to the safety of the pack.

The stage ended with seven circuits of the Champs Elyées, where LeMond worked hard to position Bauer for the final sprint. The man in the yellow jersey led the long line of riders into the avenue on the final lap, thinking that Bauer was immediately behind him. "But I was forced to brake hard when the Belgian, Frank Hoste, cut across me," explained Bauer.

"Hoste is 30 pounds heavier than me, so I didn't argue." The Belgian stayed ahead of Bauer to finish fifth, one place behind Hinaut, who tried valiantly to win this last stage of his last Tour de France.

One difference for the Frenchman was that he ended the Tour in the white and red polka dot jersey as the King of the Mountains, a title he has not earned before.

It was a great Tour de France and it had a great winner. "I never expected to see a day like this," said Bob LeMond yesterday. "When Greg was 16, just after he won the United States junior championship, he received a telephone call from a cycling magazine and said he wanted to win the world championship, the Tour de France, and become rich and famous from cycling. I never believed his hopes would come true."

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Final positions

RESULTS: Stage 23: Coance-Goursur-Loria to Paris (158 miles): 1, G Bontempi (It), 6hr 51min 55sec; 2, J Lieckens (Bel); 3, E Vanderaerden (Bel); 4, P Hinaut (Fr); 5, F Hoste (Bel); 6, S Bauer (Can); 7, R Simon (Fr); 8, N Emonds (Bel); 9, G Van Gene (Bel); 10, F Castang (Fr), all same time. Other positions: 18, A Siedi (Can); 34, P Anderson (Aust); 44, G LeMond (US); 54, S Roche (Fr); 77, S Yates (GB); 106, M Carley (Ire); 120, P Kinnear (Ir); 130, C Owen; 130, G LeMond (US) 11hr 35min 19sec; 2, B Hinaut (Fr), at 3min 10sec; 3, U Zimmermann (Switz), at 10.54; 4, A Harpiston (US), at 18.46; 5, C Crupelion (Bel), at 24.36; 6, R Pensec (Fr), at 25.52; 7, N Rutimann (Switz), at 30.52; 8, A Pino (Sp), at 33.00; 9, S Roche (Neth), at 32.24; 10, Y Madier (Fr), at 33.27. Other positions: 23, Bauer, at 56.02; Anderson, at 1hr 19min 41sec; 46, Easter, at 1:30:30; 44, Roche, at 1:32:30; 112, Yates, at 2:15:20; 131, Kinnear, at 2:44:06.

Certainly it brought him greater popularity than any of his five past victories, for which he will be remembered alongside Jacques Anquetil and Eddy Merckx. The only bitter taste was the aggressive manner in which he contested LeMond's right to win the race.

The 26-year-old American proved faster than Hinaut on the hardest mountain climbs and his equal in the time trials, which are the two crucial elements for a Tour de France winner.

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Boycott leaves sponsors unhurt

DAVID MILLER

The saying of the week in Edinburgh did not come from the distraught Bermudian team, nor the Queen in her bland opening message, nor from Daley Thompson, who because the Press accurately reported his bizarre and vulgar Press conference in Los Angeles now will not speak to any writers, as opposed to television whose commentators he feels he can better control.

The most significant point in fact, came from Colin Liddell, head of corporate affairs for Guinness, the major sponsor of the Games: "The boycott hasn't damaged our international exposure" he said, which is ironic when you think of the financial/moral background to the boycott.

Distillers were the main sponsor when their £1.25m investment was announced in March, a month before the Guinness takeover, following which the figure rose by 50 per cent as Guinness expanded their brand name identifications of whiskey. Liddell says that if Guinness were in the same position as before, they would still like the sponsorship in Scotland.

Guinness willing to continue

Guinness have already offered to advise Auckland for 1990, and after estimating the final advances from a major sponsor in New Zealand. They reaped huge coverage of their Friendship Relay touring 50,000 miles around the globe, with their scroll carried by famous names such as Ben Jipcho, David Hemery, Mary Peters, Milkha Singh and Allan Wells. Sponsorship continuity is vital, and it is imperative that the Federation appoint a full-time technical adviser.

Guinness's attitude is symptomatic of the process by which, for better or worse, sport is moving towards becoming the exclusive property of television. Sponsors are not interested in live spectators. The benefit is measured in two ways: television exposure, and trade relationships on-site at hospitality tents. The day is not unimaginable when Wimbledon or Wembley will consist exclusively of executive boxes. Golf's match play championship is worthwhile for Sumitomo because of Japanese television coverage and the entertainment of clients at Westworth who probably never see a ball struck.

The only criterion, as Liddell says, is association with quality. This is why the absent Afro-Caribbeans cause little sponsorship damage. The morality of Friendly Games may be in tatters, but only a small proportion of medals are diminished in value. Bains and Solly were good for business, never mind the absent Kenyans.

The black nations are in a financial as well as moral trap. White Commonwealth countries may protest that Kenya and India should have ignored their governments' way jolly Sir Denis did in 1980, and Canada were ready to do better. Black sports officials have not the independence from government, quite apart from the question of social reprisals in such countries as Nigeria and Ghana.

Canada pushing for 1994 Games

"Meanwhile the whites, under the flag of sporting righteousness, are able to forge ahead thanks to the commercial lobby which makes it all possible. The Canadian government has promised \$20 million (£25M) to any city which wins the '94 Games. The Ontario ministers of London, Hamilton and Ottawa are lapping the connections track in Edinburgh, and three other Canadian cities are said to be ready to compete with Cardiff or Belfast for the honour. Every local government official with any foresight recognises the equation: Games=Improved Social Facilities.

While I agree with Robert Maxwell's letter of protest to Edinburgh Council, complaining that their objection to Mrs Thatcher's visit to the Games unnecessarily drags politics into sport, Mrs Thatcher is only coming, after all, for political exposure and association with an up-beat social event, in the way Harold Wilson used to try to be merry with the Beatles and the England World Cup team. Having inadvertently ruined the Games, the discreet action for Mrs Thatcher would have been to stay away. Banned by a Labour Council, she is more than ever obliged, given her nature, to attend.

Murray just fails to bring Scotland first track gold

By David Miller

A full house at Meadowbank belated encouragement for young Yvonne Murray in vain yesterday. The pale Scot, who had recently beaten Zola Budd over 2,000 metres at Crystal Palace, courageously, yet so briefly, went into the lead of the Commonwealth 3,000 metres round the final curve. Sadly, the strength drained down the finishing straight she was passed by two Canadians.

Lynn Williams and Deborah Bowker. Scotland's first medal on the track thus was bronze and not gold, and if there was disappointment there was certainly no disgrace, for Miss Williams had taken the bronze medal in Los Angeles behind Maricia Puica and Sly. After leading for the first four and a half laps a dejected Miss Sly now finished way behind. The wind was slightly less

fierce towards the end of the afternoon than it had been during the finals of the 400 metres, and as they came round the first half lap, Miss Sly was in front, heading Murray and Christine Benning. After two laps, Jane Shields, a finalist in the world championships came through Murray and Christine Benning, Miss Sly, just ahead of a trio of Miss Benning, Miss Murray and Christine Pfitzinger, of New Zealand. Thus the order remained for another lap, and half way through the race the nine runners were still bunched within four metres. Miss Williams had now closed on the leaders and only Marsela Robertson of Scotland had been dropped.

Into the back straight with two and a half laps to go, Miss Murray made her move, followed by Lorraine Moller, of New Zealand, and they opened more than a 10-yard gap. With two laps to go it was Murray, Moller, Williams, with the rest 20 yards adrift. Down the back straight Moller fell away. Coming through to the bell Williams had taken over at the front from Murray with Bowker making a burst over 50 yards to close on them.

Down the back straight the three were together no more than two strides apart. Into the final bend Murray challenged Williams, holding off a surge by Bowker on the outside. A gap of a metre opened up, but you could see that Murray's head was unsteady here, her stride beginning to flag as they came into the straight. With a steady stride Miss Williams went past and now it seemed Miss Murray was running in water as she was passed again 50 metres out.

Miss Williams's winning time was a relatively slow 8 minutes 54.29 seconds, some nine seconds outside the Games record set by Anne Audain, of New Zealand in Brisbane, and 28 seconds outside Miss Budd's Commonwealth record.

Miss Murray hung her head in tears at the finish, but recovered quickly to run a modest lap of thanks for the crowd's encouragement and, waving a lions-rampant flag, managed to upstage the Queen as she was presenting medals for the men's 100 metres. The monarch looked down quizzically and then smiled at a moment of Scottish patriotism.

Fuel chaos as Piquet triumphs

From John Blunsden Hockenheim

The Canon Williams team made it five Grand Prix wins out of the last six yesterday, but this time it was Nelson Piquet rather than Nigel Mansell who was ahead at the end of the 44th and final lap of the German Grand Prix. And what a last lap it turned out to be as once again the bogey of fuel economy took centre stage on the run-up to the chequered flag.

As the 12 survivors out of the 26 started their final tour of the 4.2-mile Hockenheim circuit, Piquet was being followed by Keke Rosberg, Ayrton Senna, Alain Prost and Nigel Mansell in that order. Then Rosberg's McLaren-Tag began to falter and the Finn, who had announced his impending retirement two days before the race, had to abandon his car at the side of the circuit. That elevated Senna to second, ahead of Prost, but then Prost's McLaren was seen to be weaving violently as its driver tried to draw up the last few drops in the fuel system. It was a gallant effort, but it failed, and after attempting to push his car the final yards towards the line he had to admit defeat and park it at the side of the track.

Senna, meanwhile, had crossed the line with an engine which he said afterwards was right out of fuel, while Mansell ended his race a fortunate third ahead of René Arnoux's Ligier-Renault and the two abandoned McLarens, each of which was credited with 43 completed laps.

Prior to the last-lap fuel crisis it had seemed like a race dominated by tyre tactics. It had been expected that every team would make only one mid-race stop, but Piquet, who had leapt from the sixth lap, swept into his pit after only 15 laps for his first change of rubber. He had noticed the performance of his tyres beginning to deteriorate, so he took advantage of a relatively clear pit road to make a typically impressive eight-second stop before being sent on his way again in fourth place. He went back into the lead again as soon as the three cars ahead of him made their routine stops, but Piquet was back for his third set of tyres by lap 27, this time dropping to third behind the two McLarens.

But within three laps he had re-passed Prost, and on lap 39 he was back in front again for the last time. After the race he was coy about how much fuel

Results from Hockenheim

1, N Piquet (Braz) Canon Williams-Honda, 44 laps, 1hr 22min 8.255sec, 135.73 mph; 2, A Senna (Braz) JPS Lotus-Renault, 43 laps, 1:22:23.701; 3, N Mansell (GB) Williams-Honda, 43 laps, 1:22:52.843; 4, R Arnoux (Fr) Ligier-Renault, 1:23:23.435; 5, K Rosberg (Fin) Marlboro McLaren-Tag, 43 laps; 6, A Prost (Fr) Marlboro McLaren-Tag, 43 laps; 7, D Warwick (GB) Gilwell Brabham-BMW, 43 laps; 8, P Tambay (Fr) Lola-Ford, 43 laps; 9, A Jones (Aus), Lola-Ford, 42 laps; 10, G Berger (Austria) Benetton-BMW, 42 laps; 11, S Johansson (Swe) Ferrari, 41 laps;

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12, A Berg (Can) Oestli-Alfa Romeo, 40 laps.
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS: Drivers: Mansell 51pts; 2, Prost, 44; 3, Senna, 42; 4, Piquet, 38; 5, Rosberg, 18; 6, (equal) Lailla and Arnoux, 14; 8, Johansson, 7; 9 (equal) Berger and Alboreto, 6; 11, Branda, 4; 12, (equal) Fabi and Patrese, 2; 14, (equal) 1, Constructors championship: Williams-Honda, 89pts; 2, McLaren-Tag, 68; 3, Lotus-Renault, 42; 4, Ligier-Renault, 28; 5, Ferrari, 13; 6, Benetton-BMW, 8; 7, Tyrrell-Renault, 5; 8, Brabham-BMW, 2.

speed's engine expired with only three laps to go. Once again a traffic jam on the rush to the first corner caused a multi-vehicle pile-up, but happily without injuries of the need to stop and restart the race. Stefan Johansson attempted to overtake another car, but in moving left his Ferrari was nudged by the front of Philippe Alliot's Ligier and was sent sliding into Teo Fabi's Benetton, which ended up against the barriers. Johansson was able to continue after a pit stop and went on to finish eleventh. It was an encouraging race for Carl Haas's team of Lola-Ford, both of which finished healthily. Patrick Tambay in eighth place, one ahead of Alan Jones, while the young Canadian, Allen Berg, also completed the course in his Osella, in which he had managed, perilously few laps of practice due to a variety of problems.

Nigel Mansell, after another tough race, has moved into a seven-point advantage in the world championship, with 10 of the 16 races completed. The next stop is in Hungary in two weeks' time, where everyone will be facing the new problems which traditionally are associated with learning a brand new circuit.

TCCB set to act

The Lord's cricket authorities insist they will be ready to name England's first manager at the end of the week as planned. Whether the new appointment is Ray Illingworth, David Brown or the outsiders, Micky Stewart or present selector, Fred Titmus, will be revealed at a Press conference on Friday. Suggestions that the decision may be deferred were discounted by Peter Lush, the Test and County Cricket Board spokesman. He said: "The board must have things sorted out quickly and solve any problems. The tour to Australia is only two-and-a-half months away."

Golden touch

Andrea Borella, aged 25, of Italy, beat Tullio Diaz, of Cuba, 10-5 to win the foil title at the world fencing championships in Sofia, Bulgaria. Another Italian, Mauro Numa, won the bronze medal by defeating Zolt Ersek, of Hungary, 13-11.

Tyson tops

Mike Tyson, aged 20, took another step towards a world heavyweight title bout with a devastating first-round knockout of fellow-American, Marvis Frazier, at the Glens Falls civic centre, New York. Tyson stopped Frazier, the son of the former world heavyweight champion, Joe Frazier, 30 seconds into the bout to raise his record to 25 contests without defeat, with 23 of those victories inside the distance. The knockout was the fastest of Tyson's short but spectacular career.

Wallabies toil

A penalty goal in the last second of play by the outside half, Michael Lynagh, gave Australia a 9-6 win over Manawatu. Palmerston North provincial team, in the second match of their New Zealand Rugby Union tour. At one stage in the Australians were trailing 6-0.

Plain sailing

New Zealand have stepped up their first-ever challenge for the America's Cup yachting trophy with the launching of their third 12-metre yacht which they hope will race in the final against Australia, the holders, next January. In a weekend extravaganza, the New Zealand challenge syndicate put KZ7 — "New Zealand" into the water for the first time and raised \$1,000,000 (about £360,000) at a special dinner.

Water babes

West Germany won the water polo title for the first time by beating Spain 7-3, on the last day of the European youth swimming and diving championships in West Berlin.

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